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Devolin wins big vote of confidence

Conservative MP strengthens his base

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Staff Reporter

Although Canada has clearly voted for change on the national level, voters of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock re-elected Conservative MP Barry Devolin

by a huge majority for a second term in Ottawa. Only this time, Devolin will be part of a Conservative minority government instead of sitting as an opposition MP.

Just after 1 a.m., with all 240 polls reporting in the riding, Devolin won 29,427 votes, Liberal candidate Greg Walling won 17,246, NDP candidate Anne MacDermid won 10,340 and Green Party candidate Andy Harjula won 3,017 votes.

"I take this re-election as an endorsement of what we've been doing for the past year and a half," Devolin told his supporters packed into the Winchester Pub in Lindsay. "This re-election is also direction to go and do more of it."

Devolin's victory margin over his competitors doubled over the results of the 2004 election. In 2004, Devolin beat Liberal incumbent John O'Reilly by 5,437 votes. The margin of victory over the Liberal candidate in this election was in

excess of 10,000 votes at the time of press.

However, despite very early indications that Devolin had won the riding, he and his supporters continued to closely follow the election as the national results were released on CBC.

Not only was Devolin's victory known early, but early on in the evening the CBC projected a Conservative minority government. That prediction held true, See **Government** page 3

Hodgson calls Ipperwash inquiry a 'political farce'

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

While he is glad that the Ipperwash Inquiry is providing an opportunity for healing among the First Nations community, former local MPP Chris Hodgson says the process has become a "show trial" of the former Conservative government.

Hodgson was Minister of Natural Resources when native protestor Dudley George was shot and killed by the OPP on September 6, 1995 during a standoff near the provincial park in southern Ontario. Last week Hodgson testified over four days at the inquiry, which was established to try to determine the circumstances that led to George's death.

"This isn't about the truth," Hodgson said in an interview after his testimony. "The agenda is that they want to embarrass [former Premier] Mike Harris. These issues should have been dealt with in court where there are rules of evidence and proper checks and balances...."

"This is just a political farce."

Even the fact that his testimony was stretched over four days was a sign of political maneuvering, he says. Lawyers wanted him on the stand for as long as possible to delay Harris's testimony until after the federal election. If Harris was called last week, his testimony might have been lost in all the media coverage of the election, Hodgson says.

At the inquiry, hearsay is allowed as "evidence" and there aren't as many

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Early on during the night Conservative incumbent Barry Devolin and his wife Ursula watched the early election results with bated breathe. Devolin won by a large margin

Smithsonian takes interest in local artists

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

Two local aboriginal artists are finalists in a prestigious art competition for the Smithsonian Institution. The winner will be commissioned \$150,000 U.S. to create a sculpture next to the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C.

"We were amazed, really happy and really honoured," says Mary Anne

Barkhouse, who with her partner Michael Belmore made a collective application to the competition back in the summer.

The museum is located on prime real estate in between the Washington Monument and Capital Hill. The winning proposal will put their sculpture on either the southeast or southwest corner of the building, where millions walk through every year. Only two other aboriginal artists - one from New Mexico

and the other from Oregon - made it onto the shortlist.

"Whatever happens there is a huge responsibility and we don't take it lightly," says Barkhouse, whose mother is Nimpkish Kwakiutl. "But we are also still really excited."

The couple was flown down to Washington in October along with the other finalists to consult with museum officials. A two-day affair, the visit was

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an opportunity for the artists to get a better sense of what the administration was looking to communicate in the work.

"A lot of the architectural forms in the museum are based on nature," says Belmore, an Ojibwa. "It was also very prominent in what they talked about as far as what's important to the museum."

Barkhouse and Belmore say Americans tend to white-wash aboriginal history more than Canadians do but were impressed with the desire shown by museum administration to overcome aboriginal stereotypes. That's why the couple believes the three finalists are all contemporary aboriginal artists and not traditional.

"They are very strong on educating the public about the contemporary reality of First Nation peoples," says Barkhouse. "They are trying to get past that whole



Michael Belmore and Mary Anne Barkhouse have discovered the truth behind the cliché: it is an honour just to be nominated. They're on the shortlist to design a sculpture that will sit outside the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C.

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buckskin, feathers, and beads stuff. They want to find out where the culture is really rooted and get by the commercial aspects, which I think is very courageous of them."

The artists have until April to create a draft model of their vision, at which time they will be flown down to

Washington to give a half-day presentation on their ideas. Barkhouse and Belmore are still in the research stage of the project and say the first people to get a glimpse of their proposal will be the jurors.

"It sounds so phony when you hear people say it's just an honour to be nominated," says Barkhouse, "but it really is."

The Smithsonian Institute is an enormous museum and research complex in the United States whose many branches include the National Gallery of Art, the National Air and Space Museum, and the National Museum of History and Technology.



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A triumphant Barry Devolin, left, accepted congratulations from Liberal candidate Greg Walling late on Monday evening at the Conservatives' celebration party.

Walling will work on getting better known

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

It was probably not a good sign when Greg Walling had still not arrived for his party. It was 10:30 p.m. at the Olympia, a Greek restaurant in the heart of Lindsay, and national results were filtering in onto a big screen television, indicating the first signs of a Conservative minority.

There were balloons, an air of tension, and a lonely, uneaten celebratory cake sitting in the corner that seemed to encapsulate the looming disappointment. With blaring music and the chatter of all his supporters in the background – and no sign of Walling – one of his advisors quietly whispered to a couple reporters that Walling was about to concede the election.

In the end, it wasn't even close. Unofficial results had Barry Devolin hand Walling a resounding and unquestionable defeat – a much worse defeat than former Liberal incumbent John Reilly suffered in 2004. Local Liberals lost by an 12,000 votes, making the landslide last election seem slim by comparison. But why did Walling lose? And why in such dramatic fashion?

About an hour before Greg Walling conceded the election, his media specialist, Richard Christie, was speaking privately about the need for local Liberals to "build a bigger tent".

"I think we've got to get more aggressive with trying to recruit our flanks – on the right and left," said Christie. "The previous three elections we won, we relied on the split [between Conservatives and the Alliance]. Now, there is no split."

That united right turned out to be insurmountable in this riding and it may prove to be the central challenge to the national Liberal Party. Walling would afterward lament two things: his inability to draw borderline NDP voters and his failure to get his name as recognized as Devolin's.

NDP candidate Anne MacDermid, who ran a surprisingly passionate and clear campaign, increased her party's presence in the riding by about 2,000 votes, approximately the same number of votes the local Liberals lost. (The NDP gained 11 more seats nationally). Walling was also unable to stall the momentum

Devolin had built up over the last year and a half of his term in office.

"I want the people of Brock and Haliburton to get to know me," said Walling, who did not manage to get much support outside his hometown of Lindsay. "It's pretty hard to run against an incumbent."

The fact that Christmas shortened the length and rhythm of the campaign – in one of the largest ridings in Ontario – also contributed to Walling's problems with name recognition.

Still, the Liberal candidate seems intent on building the local Liberal infrastructure, something he affirmed when he announced in his concession speech he would be running again in the next federal election.

"To run against the united right is quite an undertaking," said Walling. "I figure during the first campaign I would have to learn how to be a politician. It's like any venture, you have to do it more than once."

Earlier on, when the Conservative minority began to form, a Liberal supporter named Mark Doble turned away in disgust to sit alone in a booth.

"I'm disappointed," said Doble. "For 12 years we've had the best economy this country's had in 50 years. Unemployment and inflation are at an all time low, yet people seem to want a change."

Doble says Paul Martin got unfairly framed in the sponsorship scandal. He also feels that a Stephen Harper government could have the same effect on the country that Mike Harris had in Ontario.

Freya Lilius, Walling's Haliburton campaign office manager, seemed to be holding back tears as she nursed a drink at the bar. She seemed baffled about the Liberals inability to make any gains in the county, Devolin's home ground.

"The amount of effort we put into Haliburton...I expected a better showing up there," said Lilius. Lilius, an executive assistant with Liberal MP Anne McLellan, says she'll soon have to move her things out of the deputy prime minister's office.

Walling seemed to sum up the national split quite eloquently in his concession speech.

"People wanted to see renewal in government. I just wanted renewal in a different way."

Gov't can work: MP

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with the national distribution being as follows: the Conservatives won 125 seats compared to the Liberals 102 with the NDP winning 29 and the Bloc Quebecois securing 51. Together, the Conservatives and the NDP have enough seats to form a government and Devolin is looking forward to the opportunity.

"I have always said that I think minority governments can work," said Devolin. "But it's incumbent of the Prime Minister to make it work and I think Paul Martin made no effort to make it work."

"I think [Conservative Leader Stephen] Harper will approach this job very differently," he added.

Devolin is unsure of where he will find himself in the party. On the one hand, he says, he would love the opportunity to be involved in the cabinet, but he worries that more responsibility in cabinet means less time available for local constituents and family. In the previous government, Devolin had served in the shadow cabinet as critic of the Minister of Human Resources.

"[Being in the cabinet] is a mixed blessing," says Devolin of his possible future role. "More responsibility in Ottawa takes precious time."

"Politics can be very busy," he added. "It can be hard on you marriage and hard on your family."

And more responsibility in Ottawa and less time in his riding may not be something Devolin wants. He credits his success in this election with fulfilling the commitments he made to voters in 2004.

For voters in Haliburton County, which has a high percentage of seniors, Devolin is confident that his passport clinics and capital experience programs will benefit constituents of all age groups.

"One of my personal interests is in democracy and voting, particularly among young people," said Devolin.

Devolin credits his success with fulfilling the commitments he made to voters in 2004.

"My general commitment was that I would focus on serving my constituents in the riding," said Devolin. "I didn't run so that I could go to Ottawa and play with my friends. I ran because I wanted to serve my constituents in the riding."

"I think with things like the passport clinics, the senior seminars, the government pension information sessions and the capital experience, I've made a good day's effort...but there's more to do," added Devolin.

As the evening wound down, both Walling and MacDermid made brief appearances to concede the election.

No more cardboard pick up

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

Dysart et al will no longer provide cardboard pick up for businesses now that its recycling contractor is cancelling its contract with the municipality.

The news means that about 50 local businesses and organizations will assume responsibility for transporting their cardboard recyclables to the landfill.

"I think the businesses are going to have to come to the table because the taxpayers already have to take their [cardboard] to the dump," says Deputy Reeve Bill Davis. "We can't subsidize one segment of society while subsidizing the other. It's garbage and they are the ones generating it."

James Potter, manager of Recycling Management and Service, advised council that the present contract will officially terminate on Feb. 15 because of what he calls "increases in operating expenses" that have been eroding his profits. Potter says most of the increases pertain to fuel and insurance costs.

"I've been losing money for quite a while," explains Potter.

Council will not seek a replacement contractor. Instead, it is hoping local businesses will pick up the slack as is the case in other municipalities.

Large businesses intent on maintaining their recycling efforts will have to find their own contractor, which will be a considerable expense for some. The Haliburton IGA, one of the largest producers of cardboard in the municipality, ships 10 full half-ton trucks a week of cardboard to the landfill.

Owner Bob Park did not want to specify exactly how much it will cost him but says it will be in the thousands. However, since the municipality does not charge tipping fees for recyclables, businesses can partially offset costs by diverting more of their waste into recycling bins.

"It was bound to happen anyway," says Park, "but it's an added expense."

Other organizations like the Haliburton post office typically send

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IGA owner Bob Park will have to hire his own contractor to transport his cardboard recyclables to the landfill. The municipality is discontinuing its pick-up service as of Feb. 15.

only one load a week to the dump but are already looking at alternative solutions for transportation.

"It would be nice if [the township] service still existed," says Postmaster Marie Emmerson. "But we don't have the vol-

ume a lot of other places have."

Deputy Reeve Davis hopes other businesses will continue their recycling efforts despite the change in service.

"Cardboard takes up a lot of room at the waste disposal site," he said

Recycling Management and Service was also responsible for baling cardboard. Baling cardboard for processing is a revenue generator for the municipality and council is already looking for a contractor to fulfill those particular duties.

Highlands East to contemplate medical centre donation

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

The following are brief highlights from the Jan. 17 Highlands East council meeting.

Highlands East received a request from Dysart et al for a donation toward the new Haliburton Family Medical Centre.

Dysart believes that the \$2.5 million centre, currently under construction, will also be of benefit to residents of Highlands East. The top floor will be provided rent-free for physicians while the bottom floor will be rented out to other healthcare professionals.

Highlands East council said it would defer the matter to upcoming budget deliberations.

County plan dispute

CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig reported to council that she was optimistic the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs would reach an agreement with the county over its official plan.

Stoughton-Craig was in attendance when the two sides met the previous week in Minden. The dispute revolves around what the county and municipal planners feel are redundant restrictions pertaining to development on highly sensitive lake trout lakes.

Resignation

After 28 years of service with the Ward 4 fire department, Eric Barnes has resigned. The volunteer firefighter feels he can no longer give his time to the

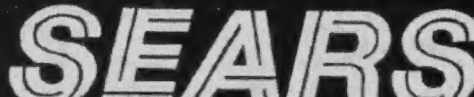
department. Fire Chief Don Middleton praised Barnes for his contribution: "Eric will be missed; he's been with the department an awfully long time."

Medical exams for firefighters

A resolution passed that empowers the fire department to request any volunteer firefighter over the age of 60 to have a medical.

Further details will be established as to what level of health a senior must have to serve with the force.

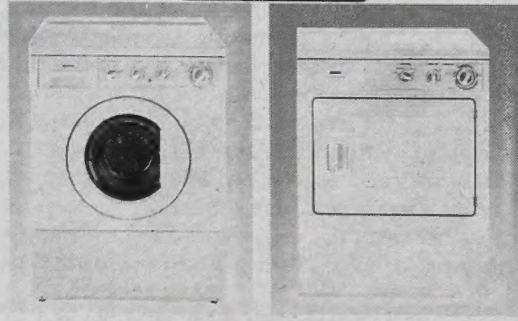
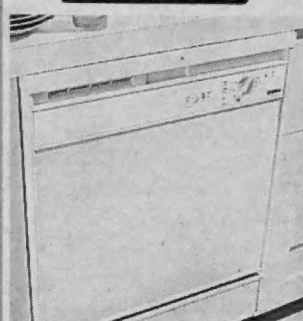
Fire Chief Middleton, who calls his senior volunteers a "precious resource", doesn't want to have unnecessary roadblocks to their service but at the same time he wants to protect their safety.



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Joseph O'Brien and a 55-year-old female passenger were crossing the highway south of Bancroft when their 2006 Polaris was hit by a 1998 Buick in the northbound lane.

O'Brien and his passenger were transported to Quinte Health Care North Hastings. O'Brien did not survive his injuries and his passenger was treated for minor injuries and released.

One lane of Highway 28 was closed by the police for three hours while the investigation continued.

Police were assisted at the scene by members of the Highlands East Fire Department.

Meanwhile, Highlands East firefighters responded to two other snowmobile accidents over the weekend.

In the early hours of January 21, Middleton says a group of snowmobiles were travelling on Straggle Lake. One of the snowmobiles, which had been travelling fast, hit something on the ice and the driver was thrown off.

The air ambulance was requested but it was not able to come because of weather conditions. The man was transported by land ambulance to Toronto.

That afternoon, a snowmobiler hit a tree near Fishtail Lake. He was able to drive himself to a place where he called for help. He was taken by air ambulance to Toronto.

Dysart councillors irritated by silence

Taxi owner doesn't offer suggestions to address parking problem

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports from the January 3 meeting of Dysart et al council.

Council was visibly annoyed by the lack of official response from Hyland Taxi owner Marty Grant regarding a taxi controversy over downtown parking.

Back in the fall, councillors asked the two taxi companies that serve Haliburton – Hyland Taxi and Grumpy's Taxi – to formally submit their solution to the business community's complaint that taxis are hogging main street parking spaces.

Grumpy's owners Stan and Carole Wilson submitted their ideas to council in writing on Nov. 12 but council says it still has not heard from Hyland.

"I would hate to invoke bylaws and regulations," said Reeve Murray Fearrey. "But that's why government bureaucracy is the way it is, because people won't co-operate."

Annual fire report

The year-end fire department report for 2005 indicates that structure fires were less than half of those in 2004.

The six structure fires in 2005 represent an estimated \$225,000 in damages, compared to the more than \$2 million in damages the year before when there were 15 fires.

The reduction in structure fires was mitigated by the loss of the life of Charles Stewart MacDonald, who died

from smoke inhalation during a fire in his home near Kennis Lake in December. It was the first fire fatality the municipality has suffered since 1996.

A dry summer meant that grass and brush fires nearly doubled last year, rising from 12 to 22 incidents.

First aid calls also rose in 2005, increasing from 71 calls to 87. All in all, the fire department responded to 215 calls last year.

Busy park

Head Lake Park is nearly fully booked for summer festivities after council approved its use for a few more events in 2006. The Haliburton Highland Games had their yearly request approved and is slated to celebrate Scottish heritage on July 8. The local health unit will also be using the park on May 27 for a cycling festival, an event designed to promote cycling opportunities and safe practices to residents of all ages.

Meanwhile, Rock the Wake has negotiated a mid-July weekend to stage its annual extreme sport festival at the park. Rock the Wake was held in June last year but organizers wanted council to move it more toward the busy season. Organizers told council they intend to downsize the event this year and want to concentrate their advertising efforts closer to home as opposed to greater Ontario.

"It's good the park is getting booked, that's what it's for," said Reeve Fearrey.

Maintenance tenders

Council approved the details for two draft tenders pertaining to maintenance at the Evergreen Cemetery and Head Lake Park, which will now both be made public. Deadline for submissions is the middle of February as the new contracts are expected to begin this April. The winning tenders will be responsible things such as grass trimming, watering, garbage clean up, and gravesite levelling.

Report card positive

The reeve was happy to see that the Ministry of Environment gave a few of its assets a clean bill of health. In December, the province carried out a series of inspections on the Haliburton Water Pollution Control Plan, the Kennis Lake Landfill Site, and the West Guildford Waste Disposal site. Inspectors found no potential hazards to human or environmental health.

No money for HART

A request for budgetary consideration from HART (Highland Animal Relief Team) was denied by council. HART is a volunteer organization that picks up stray or injured dogs and cats in central Ontario and arranges appropriate care for the animals.

According to HART, which council said it had never heard about, it responds to 100-150 calls per month.

Council wasn't keen to give money out to non-local initiative as it has its own pressing priorities to address this year.

"We've got better ways to spend money. We got our own problems here," said Councillor Leon Jones.

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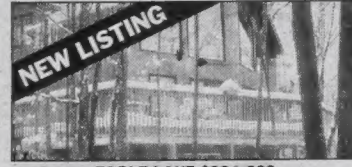
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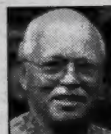
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There's one important lesson you have to learn in Haliburton County: You can't beat Mother Nature. You can admire her beauty, rail against her stubbornness and curse her fits of anger, but if you think there's any way you can control her...

The many businesses that rely on winter tourism are being reminded of that this winter. Here it is January 24 and as of yesterday, the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association had yet to groom any of its trails except the

rail corridor. Last year the trails were open in December, giving snowmobilers lots of reasons to come up to the Highlands and leave a little bit of their money behind. Of course, there's lots of winter left,

but it's been a sluggish start to the season.

Downtown Haliburton was particularly dead last Wednesday. Half the stores were either closed or devoid of customers. Either employees couldn't drive to work because freezing rain had turned the back roads into long ribbons of ice, or, when they got to work they discovered that none of their customers had been able to make the trip. Nearly everyone went home early.

It wasn't any easier for the Dysart roads crews to get to work on Wednesday morning. How were they supposed to get the sanders on the road if the sanders hadn't been on their road yet? Fortunately, enough of them live in town and were able to help the others out. They put chains on all the trucks and even then, one fully-loaded, fully-chained sander couldn't make it up a hill and had to slide back down. Now that was a fun ride.

The road crews' jobs would have been made a lot easier if people had decided not to try to make it to work before they did. If a sander was at the top of a hill and a car was abandoned at the bottom, then the driver also had to worry about hitting the car on the way down. At one point, a crew was rescuing someone at the bottom of a hill when a vehicle appeared at the top. They were prepared to run for their lives if the vehicle made any attempt to join the Canadian Olympic speed skating team. As it was, the truck that was supposed to be escorting the ambulances to calls was too often called out to rescue drivers who had become stuck.

Road crews are not miracle workers. They have just as much trouble with ice as any other driver. We all need to have patience when Mother Nature has a menopausal moment, going from cold to hot to cold again, turning our roads into ice. Few things in life are that important that we have to travel when the roads aren't safe.

Hodgson on the stand

Few people would be surprised to discover that a politician swears. But the words that former MPP Chris Hodgson was said to have uttered in a Queen's Park dining room simply don't ring true. Sure he might have used the f-word, but he wouldn't have called the Ipperwash Provincial Park "my park." It simply doesn't ring true.

Only one person at the Ipperwash Inquiry has testified that Hodgson made an inflammatory statement against the natives who had set up a blockade outside the provincial park. Others have attributed it to someone else in the room.

The whole idea that people could recall a conversation that occurred 11 years earlier is ludicrous. Even if someone had said "Eleven years from now you'll be required to report what was said so pay careful attention," no one has such extraordinary gifts of recall. To tell the inquiry "I don't remember" is probably the most truthful thing any one of us could have said.



Curling.

Photo by DARREN LUM/ECHO

Where is winter?

One way to get winter to show up is to mention that it hasn't. I know I'm going to eat these words before the season gets much older, (maybe even before they appear here), but where on earth is the famous Haliburton winter!? I mean, it's fast approaching February and we're still waiting for snow. A lot of folks are banking (or not banking in this case) on the cold, the deep, and the frozen. Sir Sam can't be happy when it rains for an entire day as it did just last week. It flooded our lake, and when it gets a bit colder, we will have one big skating rink — great for the half dozen of us who skate, but not so great for the hundreds of snowmobilers who like to crank up and travel the snow-covered lakes and snowy trails; leaving assorted wads of cash in their wake.



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Entrepreneurial snow removers sit and play euchre while the snow melts away by itself. The highways show clear green on the weather map — wide open and dry for driving and not requiring a minute of overtime, or a single shift of part-time plowing.

Pipes aren't bursting the way they should be at this time of year.

Last year's snow tires are good enough.

Batteries don't need charging.

Gas-line-freezing is down considerably.

There've been very few calls to be towed out of ditches. Cars are starting up first time. Nothing needs fixing. This is terrible.

Ice fishing huts sit empty as the ice becomes just a little too thin to chance the weight of a group of anglers with the heater on.

Don't even think about cross-country skiing. Ice sculpting is down from...well from almost nothing to begin with.

And if you think we have it bad, just think

what it's like to be the manager of one of those new Ice Hotels. "I'm sorry Mr. And Mrs. Smith, your room has melted."

Canada's icy reputation may be in jeopardy. Without long, frigid winters, what will we be famous for. In Florida, we're known as Canadian Snow Birds. Will we become known just as Canadians...or worse, Birds?

More importantly, do we care?

Does our Canadian identity depend on a fierce, tree-cracking winter? I'd like to think not. In fact, despite the short-falls of the present mild winter, I think most Canadians would be very happy with a climate like the one we're presently experiencing. (Sorry, Sir Sam's.) We are a very resilient, adaptive people. If the tempera-

ture keeps rising, we will have to get used to some changes in our lifestyle. I know I could get used to using about half as much propane each year.

Innovative Canadians would soon find new ways to fill extra spare time once they're freed from a daily schedule of chopping wood, shovelling snow and sanding walks. How? We could go water fishing instead of ice fishing; no hut necessary. We could go cross-country walking, no skis, no falling on your ear. We could hike around the countryside, I guess. Hmm. Call me nuts, but I'm thinking that we might begin to actually miss winter if it were to disappear. Maybe?

But, let's face it; this is Canada. And by the time this piece runs, I'm sure we will be up to our ears in snow, and bending into wind chills of -15 or worse. Canada without winter? Never happen.

Anyway, what would we do with all that salt in all those silly-looking buildings?

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Life in a fish bowl

Some people are just born lucky, so I think it's only reasonable to assume that so are some fish. Take Annabelle, for example.

One day she's cooped up with all the other chub minnows in my bait bucket and the next she's living a life of

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piscatorial luxury in my daughter's fish bowl. It might not sound like much, but for a chub minnow on death row this is just about as good as it gets.

Just imagine the scene. All those minnows in the bucket are doing hard time. Most are screaming, "I'm innocent, I tell you." Some lie on their cots, writing letters to home; others play harmonica, lift weights, or mark the days on the wall.

"The place is just like Alcatraz," one old-timer remarks. "Even if you could

get through the lid, there's forty feet of fresh air between here and the toilet."

As you can see, life in a maximum-security minnow bucket is bleak. You could hardly blame a fish for feeling down.

But suddenly Carm shows up with the fish bowl and net. "It's the governor," one probably cried out. "Annabelle, you've been pardoned!"

Annabelle, for her part, is probably thinking that she died and went to heaven. I mean there she was with all the other hardened criminals when all of a sudden this big net scoops her up and gently releases her back down in a well-appointed condo with a great view of the living room. The television, by chub minnow standards, probably looks like a drive-in. Talk about big screen.

Now she's got a servant, too. Carm is conscientious to a fault and waits on her each day with the finest in fish flakes, each lovingly sprinkled across the placid waters of Annabelle's spacious new home. Oh sure, the blue gravel flooring, plastic neon rocks, and plant are a bit tacky but it's definitely better than a hook in the back. Yes, the fish has got it made.

I only mention this to show you how dumb luck enters into all of our lives. Some of us are Annabelle and others are Louie, the minnow that caught me that lake trout yesterday morning. There's really no way of controlling this.

Oh sure, Louie might have jumped into the net before Annabelle but how was he to know that, this time, the net meant good news. Every other netting before this ended with a treble hook in the back and a stint on the line.

Yes, Annabelle was lucky. But I'm already getting a sense that she doesn't appreciate her good fortune. Even though she's just getting settled in, she seems to exude this feeling of entitlement. She sulks behind the plastic green plant and only comes out at feeding time. Maybe I'm wrong, but I think she wants high definition programming and a recliner.

The other day she swam around the bowl and kept batting the coloured rocks with her tail, flinging them hard against the glass. Personally, I found this insulting. I mean, if she didn't like the way I decorated, she could have said it in a more diplomatic way. I blame it on the fact that she watches the Home Decorating Channel far too often.

But what Annabelle doesn't understand is that pets around here all start out for the kids and then eventually get delegated to us adults after the shine has worn off. And she also doesn't realize that chub minnow are \$4 a dozen and each one essentially looks alike. As pets go, they're sort of like Lassie, if you discount the fact that a minnow couldn't run back to town to tell the Sheriff that you're stranded in the wilderness with a broken leg.

I guess what I'm saying here is that Annabelle should consider her sentence as merely commuted. She could easily be replaced and no one would be the wiser.

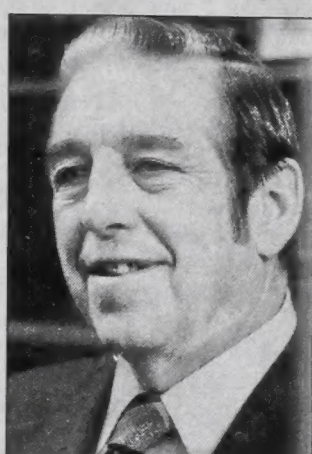
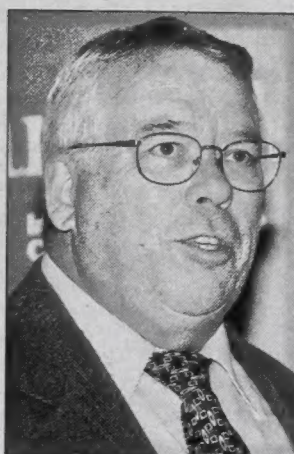
It's all about reciprocity. If Annabelle's good to me; I'll be good to Annabelle.

I don't ask for much. Just a little appreciation for all the hard work I'm about to undertake over the course of her pampered life. There will be the weekly water changes, the feeding, probably the purchase of a scuba diver statue or two, maybe even a sunken pirate ship and bubbling treasure chest if she's really good - nothing too gaudy. Add to that, the countless hours spent protecting her from the cat.

I don't think I'd be out of line asking for her to show a little respect - a polite flip of the fin when I pass, maybe even just a polite laugh when I read her my latest column.

After all, fish who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones.

Get my meaning Annabelle? Now laugh.



Clockwise from top left: Joseph Staples, Hector Cameron, Thomas McNevin, Clayton Hodgson, Bill Scott, John O'Reilly and Barry Devolin.

pic of the past

With election fever still hanging in the air, we thought it might be appropriate to show you some MPs from the past. Just for fun we did some Internet research and discovered this riding has been Conservative practically since Confederation. This list isn't official, by any means (we do have a couple of years to fill in), but it can give you a pretty good idea of who has represented us in Ottawa since 1867. The first MP in our riding (then called Victoria North) was Liberal John Morison, a merchant and postmaster born in Scotland. He was elected in 1867, served for one term and was then defeated in 1872. John Staples, a military man born in Cavan, was a Conservative. He was elected in 1872 and never ran again. Hector Cameron was elected as many times as he was defeated. This Conservative lawyer, born in Montreal, was defeated in 1867, 1874 and 1887. He won his seat in 1875, 1878 and 1882. Liberal John Augustus Barron, a Toronto-born lawyer, was elected in 1887 and re-elected in 1891 before being defeated in 1892. John Jabez Thurston was born in Fenelon Township. He started political life as an Independent before switching over to the Progressive party in 1926. It seems he was more popular as an Independent: he was elected in 1921 but defeated as a Progressive in 1926. Conservative lawyer Thomas Hubert Stinson was a real local boy, born in Minden. He was defeated in the 1921 and 1935 elections but won in 1925, 1926 and 1930. Thomas Bruce McNevin was a farmer, born in Ops Township, who started out as a Progressive before switching to the Liberal camp. He was defeated as a Progressive in 1925; he was elected as a Liberal in 1935, re-elected in 1940, then defeated in 1945 and 1949. Lumber merchant Clayton Wesley (C.W.) Hodgson was born in Burnt River and spent many years in Ottawa as Progressive Conservative MP. He was first elected in 1945 and was then re-elected in 1949, 1953, 1957, 1958 and 1962. Progressive Conservative MP Charles Wesley Lamb was born in Prince Albert, Ont. This auctioneer and businessman was elected in 1963 but died in 1965. Progressive Conservative merchant MP William C. (Bill) Scott was born in Kinmount. Like Hodgson, Scott spent a lot of time commuting to Ottawa. He was first elected in 1965, when the riding was still called Victoria, and then re-elected after the name was changed to Victoria-Haliburton in 1968, 1972, 1974, 1979, 1980, 1984 and 1988. His daughter, Laurie is now this riding's MPP. Liberal real estate broker John Francis O'Reilly, born in Lindsay, was first elected in 1993. He was re-elected in 1997 and 2000 before being defeated in 2004. The Conservatives were back in business when professor, public affairs consultant and real estate agent Barry Devolin was elected in 2004 in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. Before that, though, he ran under the Reform banner in 1993 and lost. As of press time Monday afternoon, this riding's new MP was still a mystery.

letters to the editor

Free speech is important in a democracy

To the Editor:

Let me invite your readers' response and yours to the following.

Recently I was distributing literature for the Fair Vote Canada advocacy group in the parking lot outside the doors of two stores part of larger chains. I was told to stop by store employees because I was on private property. My literature has a direct bearing on the present national political campaign. I wonder in this case if free speech rights trump private property rights. I believe, for example, that I would be permitted to enter an apartment building to campaign. The owners, I

understand could not prevent me. Similarly, I could enter an enclosed mall.

I have noticed in one of the locations where I was denied an opportunity that another group has been permitted to solicit every year.

In addition to this apparent contradiction I could point out to the businesses involved that this is a matter of civic responsibility on their part. It is their duty as good corporate citizens to support the democratic process.

What is your opinion of these points?

Jim Milne
West Guilford

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



Caring people make it easier to conquer snowbanks

To the Editor:

I am a nonagenarian and have lived half in the small village of Haliburton. A short time ago I drove into town to get my mail. I parked in front of the post office, but could not climb up on the piled-up slippery snow to get to the sidewalk. I got help from a very kind passerby.

I entered the post office and our reeve, Murray Fearrey, patiently waited until I obtained and sorted my mail to escort me back to my car.

Now there is a caring reeve.

The day before I had gone to the library. Parked in front of the library. Again, no way could I climb the piled-up snowbank.

So I walked on the highway back to the municipal building, then back through a plowed walkway. No big deal for most people, but for an unsteady nonagenarian, fearful of a fall and a broken hip, it is a big deal. Vickie Fraser, the treasure we have as a librarian, gave me full sympathy, extended the time on my books, had several books ready for my inspection (she knows my preferences) and told me not to worry if I could not brave the snowbank to get them back in time.

Now, there is a caring librarian.

Dr. Marion Hare, whose last column on the 4C's, ended her career as a columnist for the Echo, has always been, as exemplified in that article and in many thoughtful commentaries, someone who cares deeply for our environment, development, cultural life and habit. So naturally she offered me her slip-on spikes to keep me upright to this unkind-to-old people weather.

Now, there is a caring journalist.

I could fill the pages of the Echo if I tried to name all the wonderful caring Haliburtonians. These are just examples

Would I, despite my complaints, make my home in a warmer more hospitable climate? Never.

Grace Boice
Haliburton

One last word on driving down hills

To the Editor:

Thank you for the space in your paper allowing me to express my opinion and relate some experiences in connection with the "down hill in neutral" issue.

I am going to back away now as I can see that this will escalate to an experience versus expert argument.

I was issued my driving licence in 1953, after being taught by drivers experienced in driving over roads that anyone younger than 30 years old would never believe existed. I have driven all vehicles including light trucks and cars with automatic transmissions.

I will never agree with using neutral on any hill, icy or dry. An automatic transmission will retard forward movement. If anyone wants to prove this, all they have to do is slow to 20 to 30 kph at the top of any hill, and shift their automatic into second gear. They will feel the retardation take effect and the engine will let the vehi-

cle down the grade with a controlled retardation while keeping wheels rolling providing better grip on slippery surfaces, and also prevent a runaway situation to develop on dry pavement. This is the reason you will see signs at the top of hills with more than 9% elevation recommending that you use lower gear. I have never seen one that says 'shift into neutral'!

I know there could be as many opinions as you have readers, one of which will be that those signs only refer to trucks, and some will refer to signs that say, 'Trucks use lower gear'. My experience has taught me that lighter vehicles can get into trouble just the same as the big ones when they are allowed to free wheel in neutral.

Safe driving everyone.

Ray Y. C. Miller
Haliburton

Canadians are lucky to have such a healthcare system

To the Editor:

I read with special interest the January 10th issue, particularly regarding the articles on our health system and how Lynda Campbell had fared. Also the comments of Dr. Robert Heyes who says "I think we've got it almost just right". And he goes on to say "WE have it pretty darned good". I wouldn't say it in exactly those words but they would be pretty close.

Back in September, 1999, I was cutting our grass and suddenly felt strange. I walked up to our deck, sat down and told my wife she'd better call the emergency services. I was only semi-conscious when they arrived (inside of 15 minutes) and unconscious for the next three days.

During that time I was whisked by ambulance to Haliburton Hospital and Peterborough Hospital where Dr. Hughes had me sent to Sunnybrook Hospital by air Ambulance where they operated on me for a ruptured aorta the next morning. Somehow while there (23 days) I developed prostate trouble and was operated for that within two months of being released.

In emergent situations I think our health services are splendid and especially so in Haliburton. While money in such above situations is not important my problems didn't cost me a cent. We Canadians should consider ourselves pretty damned lucky!

Art Wall,
Maple Lake

Dysart road crews do an excellent job removing snow

To the Editor:

As a long-time resident in the big city of Toronto and a cottager on Loon Lake, my wife and I have decided to make Haliburton our permanent home.

Herewith I like to thank the Dysart Road Department for the excellent job they are doing removing the snow

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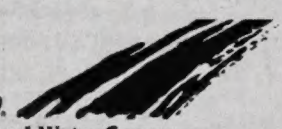
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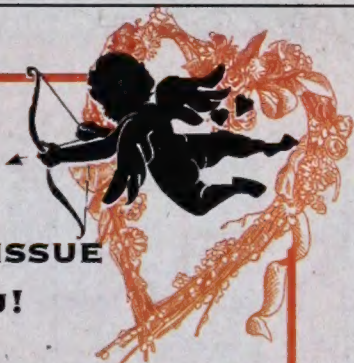
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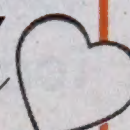
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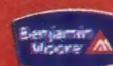
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Katrina's aftermath

Haliburton native Allison Kennedy impressed by southern spirit



A sign that life is returning to normal: Kennedy holds a freshly-caught sheephead and redfish. The line of pine trees in the background are stained red due to a 30-foot saltwater storm surge.

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

Hurricane Katrina, one of the most catastrophic storms to ever hit the United States, was likely only a tropical depression lurking somewhere over the Bahamas when Allison Kennedy unpacked her suitcase.

Kennedy had just accepted a graduate student position at the University of Southern Mississippi, where she was to pursue a Master's degree in coastal sciences. Perched by the sea in a place called Ocean Springs, the campus lies just east of Biloxi. She even found a quaint little cottage to rent only a few blocks from the Gulf of Mexico.

One week after her arrival that tropical depression had grown into a Category 4 hurricane with winds of 230 km/h and was heading directly for the coasts of Louisiana and Mississippi. It was the same day Kennedy had planned to move her things from the dormitory to the cottage – but moving day quickly turned out to be an evacuation day.

After seeing water levels rising and the streets starting to flood, Kennedy fled further east to Birmingham, Alabama.

"I heard it was a good place to go because some of the more common evacuation routes were getting clogged up with people," says Kennedy, a 25-year-old Haliburton native. "I didn't know

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Haliburton native Allison Kennedy has been an eye witness to scenes of destruction and hope in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

anyone there and just stayed in a motel."

Kennedy was glued to the television set for the next week while staying safe in Birmingham but had no way of knowing whether her colleagues at the university were okay. Communication lines were down and she wasn't even sure whether there would be school at all that semester – or whether there would even be a school left.

"I was pretty nervous," says Kennedy. "I didn't know anyone else who was leaving. I was the only one, so I didn't know what was going to happen to them. It was pretty stressful."

She then flew to a suburb of Washington D.C. to spend the next week with her

boyfriend's family. (Kennedy spent the previous 11 months working in Washington for the U.S. Department of Agriculture).

Kennedy did go back to Mississippi, but it wouldn't be the same. One third of the campus was destroyed. About 20 per cent of students and staff had lost everything and now live in what could best be described as an academic trailer park.

Remarkably, her cottage was left standing despite the fact that homes around hers were demolished. She even has a clear view of the ocean now that the shoreline trees are no more. Even today, the mark of the storm is still fresh.

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Mississippi 'is like a war zone'

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"It's like a war zone," says Kennedy. Everything's still on the ground and people's belongings are in the trees." Kennedy has since driven the coastline from Biloxi all the way to New Orleans, a surreal journey to say the least. Imagine a family sitting in the warm open air on the concrete foundation of their obliterated home - a tent for a bedroom and a small barbecue for a kitchen. Congregations hold services under a tarp with some lawn chairs in the place their churches used to be.

"It was really weird. It was like the end of the world or something."

When she got to New Orleans, she could feel a palpable sense of abandonment.

"Fewer people there are working on restoring everything," explains Kennedy. "In Mississippi, people are out there working on their homes and cleaning up their yards. I think more people just totally left New Orleans."

Still, Kennedy is impressed with how people are getting on with their day-to-day lives amid such adversity. Even she has grown accustomed to living among ruins, a realization she made after a brief visit to a campus in Georgia during the fall.

"It was such a shock to see a campus with whole trees and buildings again."

The majority of people in Ocean Springs have remained and want to rebuild in the same place everything was taken from them. In fact, the school retained all its students and staff.

"People are in such great spirits," says Kennedy. "I never heard anyone complain even though they lost everything."

Kennedy was in Haliburton to visit family over the holidays but has already headed back to the Gulf. She has been working on coastal restoration projects to help the shorelines recover from over-development. The recent hurricane damage adds a new sense of importance to the work she is doing.

One shouldn't be surprised if she decides to pursue her PhD at the university: she would be hard-pressed to get this

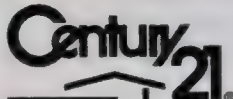
particular kind of education anywhere else.

"I realize that all sorts of material things are not important and you can survive with a lot less," says Kennedy. "And I really like the sense of community down there. It makes you think about what's important and what's not."



This is an apartment complex in Allison Kennedy's neighbourhood that was completely leveled by Hurricane Katrina. Incredibly, Kennedy's home was left intact.

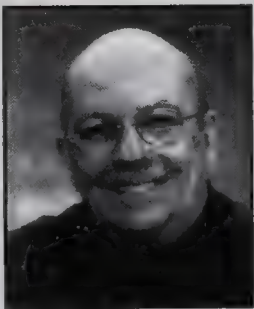
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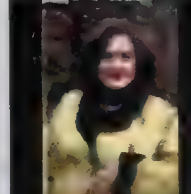
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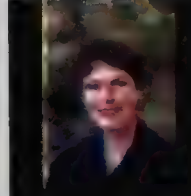
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Healthy workers are happier workers

NANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

A challenge issued to local business organizations shows a strong relationship between workplace health and morale.

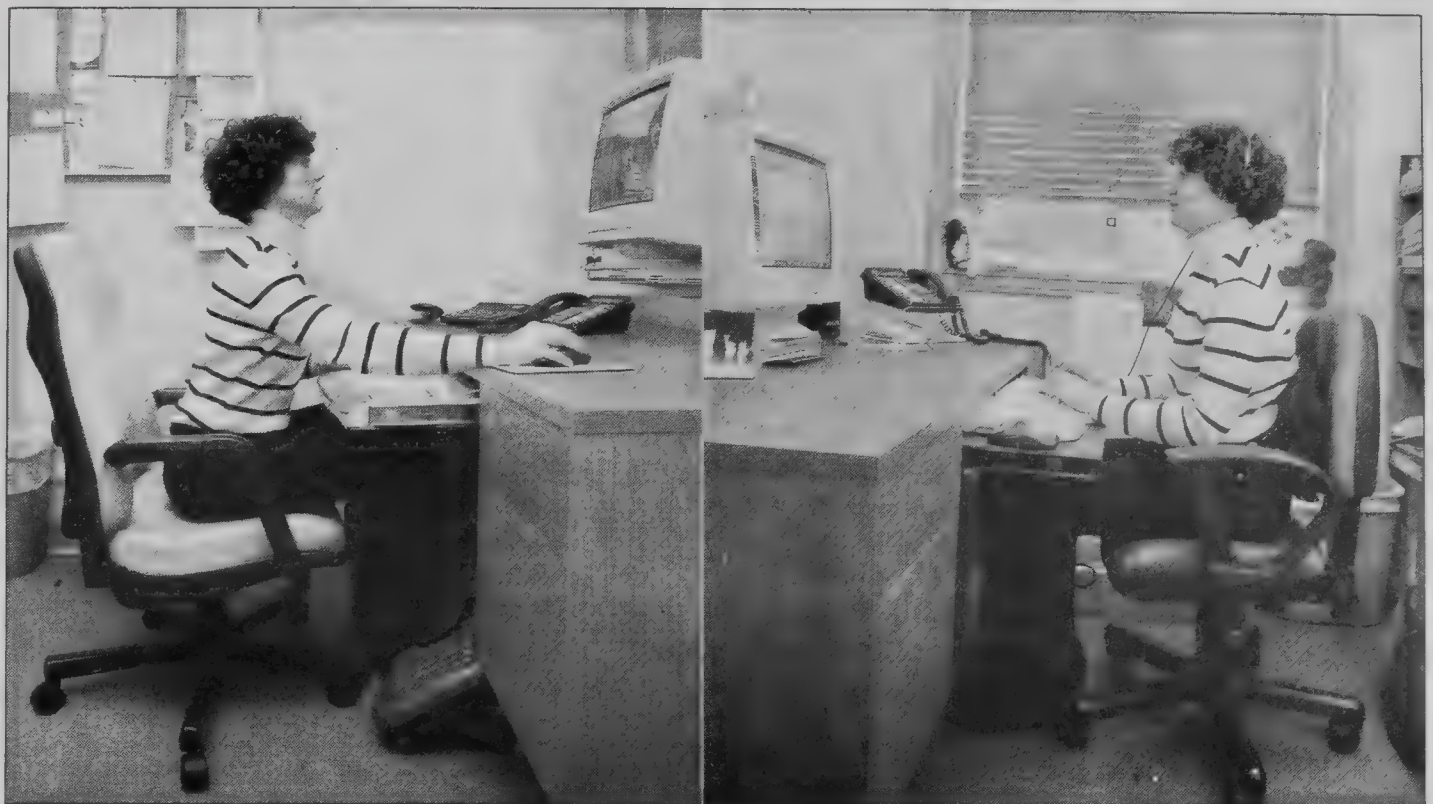
The Healthy Workplace Challenge, coordinated by the local Community Wellness Committee, recently called on organizations to submit initiatives they have undertaken in the name of employee health.

And while there were only four submissions — Haliburton County Family Services, the Ministry of Natural Resources' fire management headquarters, the Government Information Centre, and the Highlands Community Learning Centre — observers see the responses as a good start in changing the overall health and well-being of employees.

"From what I've seen, the more that people see what other workplaces are doing, the more they are likely to take some things on. It gives them some ideas," says Stephanie Ratz, a workplace health promoter with the HKRP District Health Unit.

The challenge was non-competitive but some small prizes were awarded through a random draw. Ratz hopes that next year the challenge will turn into a more extensive, formalized contest where a winner is awarded for healthiest workplace in Haliburton County.

Family Services instituted a number of initiatives over the past year, including ringing in a chiropractor who adjusted work stations to make them ergonomically correct. Subtle but important



Family Services Program Supervisor Barb Fraser is shown in this photo illustration the way she used to work and the improvements made since a visit by a local chiropractor. Fraser used to have a desk and chair too big for her.

changes in employee comfort followed through simple changes in the positioning of desks, monitors, and phones.

Family Services also issued a "poker challenge", where people who walked on their breaks received a playing card. At the end of the week, the person with the best poker hand was awarded a prize. They even hired a teacher of Q'gong, an ancient Chinese art that combines movement and meditation, to teach employees over a six-week period on their lunch hours. The lessons proved valuable for a job that can be more emotionally taxing than most.

"For me, that was really effective," says Barb Fraser, program manager at Family Services. "After being so still, it really clears your head and grounds you. It's a really nice break during the day."

In the spring, Family Services issued a six-week pedometer challenge in which employees were encouraged to increase their numbers of steps each week. Fraser notes that it later led a number of employees to join a fitness centre.

Sandi Prentice is amazed how her

workplace climate has changed in the last couple of years. It started in 2003 when her supervisor at the Haliburton fire management headquarters brought in a consultant for a two-day workshop on supervisor skills and team building. Morale had begun to sink and it was hoped the workshop would help turn things around. It did. It was also the foundation for an internal wellness committee, of which half the staff are now members. Initiatives from the committee range from distributing a wellness newsletter to organizing monthly potlucks for employees.

"We've noticed a bit of a difference," says Prentice, a fire management clerk. "People seem happier. We had a reduction in staff sick days, which is really interesting to note. I'm sure it was directly tied to what we've done."

Prentice also noticed that people were more likely to talk to management and to try to solve problems instead of complaining among themselves.

Jennifer Paton, a teacher at the Community Learning Centre, was not

even aware her workplace was practising wellness initiatives until she learned about the challenge. The Centre already had a fitness room used by staff and a healthy snack program for students that was also available for staff.

"We'll now be looking for more things we can do and will be more conscious about everything," says Paton.

Other workplaces are deliberately starting small in the hope of bigger things down the road. Gayle Clements, client services advisor at the government information centre in Minden, says it was difficult to get an internal wellness committee off the ground. So she imported a "Walk this Way" program that encourages employees to walk during breaks and lunch. The six-week program, which included employees from the Ministry of Natural Resources, was launched with the help of the local health unit who provided pedometers and calendars to mark off goals.

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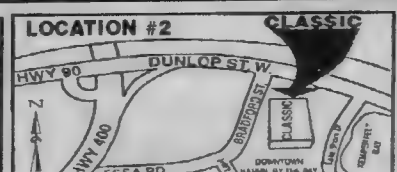
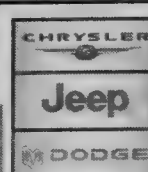
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Stand-off wasn't MNR issue

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rules governing what can be said. Hodgson estimates that the inquiry will cost Ontario taxpayers nearly \$20 million by the time it's over. There are 17 lawyers involved, and all are being paid by the province.

The experience of testifying at the inquiry was very stressful, says Hodgson, who was MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock from 1994 to 2003. It was also embarrassing when one of the witnesses testified that Hodgson said "Get those f***ing Indians out of my park" during a meeting in the premier's dining room at Queen's Park just hours before George was shot.

Former deputy solicitor general Ellen Todres testified that Hodgson uttered these words at the meeting. Earlier in the inquiry, former Attorney General Charles Harnick had attributed the sentence to Harris. However, Harnick said Harris said "the park", not "my park".

Hodgson not only denies saying these words but also says he stayed quiet during the meeting because he felt the issue had nothing to do with his ministry. The standoff was occurring outside the park's boundaries and the native group's main complaint was against the federal government, which had not followed up on a promise to give a former military base to the native band.

He notes that of all the people who have testified at the inquiry, only Todres has attributed that sentence to him.

"If I had said it, I would have said I said it," Hodgson says.

He says that Harnick had initially been dealing with the province's response to the protest. When protesters occupied the park, Harnick told the media that

Hodgson was now the province's spokesperson. Hodgson had one press scrum where he told reporters it was still Harnick's file.

"I didn't have a problem with [the government's] message, I just wasn't the minister in charge. I wanted someone who was familiar with the file [to be spokesman.]"

Given his feelings, "why would I be chipping it at all" at the meeting before George's death.

He says he never witnessed any government member giving direction to police to use whatever force necessary to stop the blockade. "The park itself was contained; we were worried about an escalation [of violence]," he says.

As well, he says he provided evidence over the four days that the government was not racist in its dealings with natives.

As Minister of Natural Resources and Northern Development and Mines, Hodgson worked with several native bands. He helped draft the first partnership between the province and a native band to manage a provincial park (Serpent Mounds) together. "I had good negotiations with First Nations."

Hodgson was dismayed by some of the media coverage of his testimony, which he says was slanted against the Conservative government. However, his verbatim testimony is part of the record at the inquiry.

"It's over for me," he says. "If some university student 50 years from now wants to go over the transcripts, at least my story is there. But it's embarrassing because there are some people who actually believe some of the things that were reported."

Health unit may be able to decrease municipal levy

The following are brief reports from a recent meeting of the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

the province including West Nile virus work, Pandemic Planning and Emergency Preparedness, as well as safe water, food safety and infection control initiatives.

LHIN Presentation

Foster Loucks, chair of the Central East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN), provided board members with an update on the creation and operation of the new 14 LHINs.

The LHINs will have an impact on the operation of hospitals, long-term care facilities, access centres and psychiatric facilities. LHINs do not have an impact on health units.

The purpose of the LHINs, Loucks said, is to "break down silos" that currently exist in health care and work to build a system that integrates the various services so that they can be provided in a more efficient manner.

"I have heard people say that this is an exercise in saving money," he said, "but I don't think that's a fair assessment. I think this is more an opportunity for our healthcare dollars to be used as efficiently and effectively as possible."

The LHINs will also have a role in planning services, engaging community members in the planning process, reviewing the accountability of service providers and eventually funding allocations.

Questions focused on the potential for centralized hospital services and the potential impact that may have on area residents.

Before making any decisions on the 2006 budget, the board of health has asked to see a report on the potential impact different funding scenarios could have on Health Unit programs and services.

Members directed staff to bring back a report to the January meeting that illustrated staffing and program levels if the board were to approve a zero per cent increase, versus a two per cent decrease to the municipal levy.

Beginning January 1, the province will assume 65 per cent of the funding for health units, with the remaining 35 per cent to come from funding municipalities. This is the second year of the province's initiative to assume more of the funding for health units, down from the previous 50/50 split.

A preliminary report from Dr. Lynn Noseworthy, medical officer of health, outlined a proposal to develop a three-year staffing plan to better enable the Health Unit to achieve a higher level of compliance with the province's mandatory programs and meet the growing public health needs of the community. The plan would increase staffing by 14 positions in each of the next three years, and leave the municipal levy at the 2005 level.

The Health Unit is looking at an increase in budget for the coming year, based on the increased requirements of

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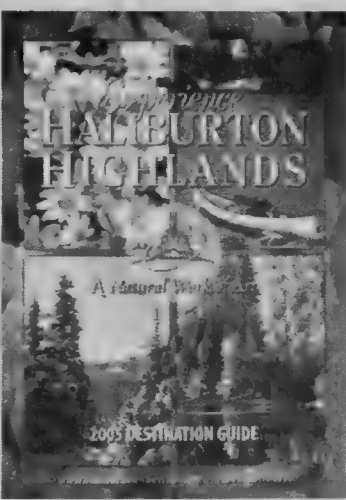
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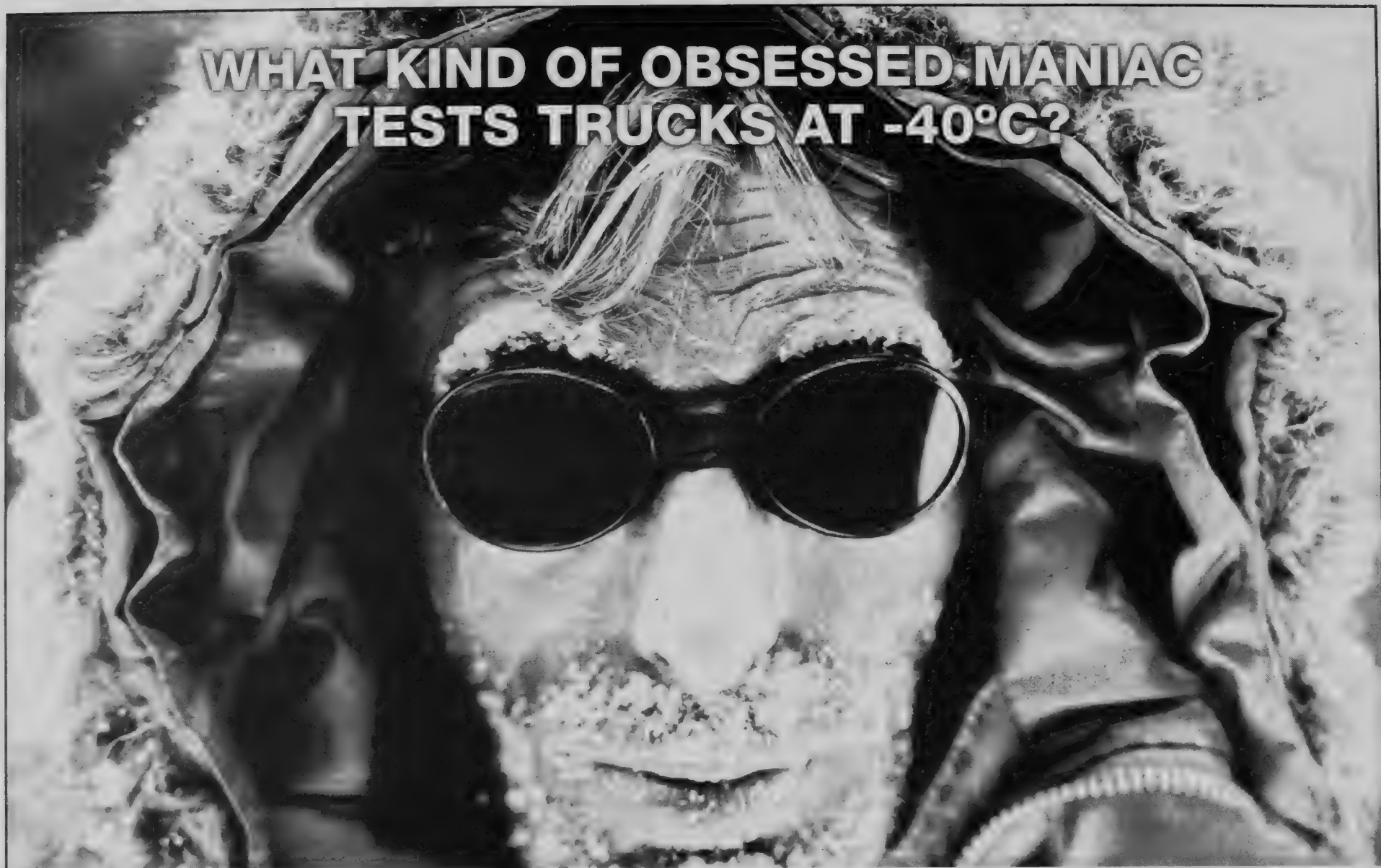
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The driver of a northbound truck hauling logs on Hwy 118 lost control on Monday afternoon just past the Essonville Line. The truck and trailer rolled onto their sides, with logs spilling into the ditch. Two adults and a child were in the truck. They were taken to Haliburton Hospital by ambulance. "When they left the scene everyone was in reasonably good health. They were conscious and speaking, which is a

good sign," says Highlands East Fire Chief Don Middleton. When the call first came in to 911, both the Highlands East and Dysart fire departments were dispatched. Dysart firefighters were put to work for a short time before returning to Haliburton. The road was closed for several hours.

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For the eighth year the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation decorates trees located in the front lobbies of the Health Care Facilities with tags sponsored by gifts from our generous supporters. To date the 2005 "Reach for The Future" campaign has raised \$75,037.00. The proceeds will assist the Foundation to pay off the \$820,000 capital loan on the Health Care Facilities.

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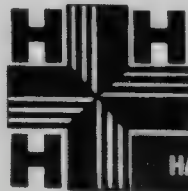
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Shoppers can taste the difference with proposed maple syrup labels

A new grading system for maple syrup will probably tell consumers about taste instead of appearance, local producers were told at their annual general meeting in Buckhorn on Saturday.

What started out as a simple attempt by the North American Maple Syrup Council to harmonize grading systems has evolved into something more, said Dave Chapeskie, agroforestry specialist for the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

Chapeskie was speaking to members of the Haliburton-Kawartha Local of the Ontario Maple Syrup Producers Association.

He told producers that disparate grading systems caused confusion in export markets. Japanese and European importers were left to figure out that Canadian Extra Light and Vermont Fancy are essentially the same grades.

The new grading system is still a work in progress, Chapeskie said, but Canada's existing grades - extra light, light, medium and No. 2 amber - may become delicate, mild, traditional and strong.

The syrup would still look the same, but the new grades would give consumers unused to maple syrup an indication of flavour intensity.

The new grades won't appear on your grocer's shelf anytime soon. More research must be completed before the North American council can settle on new grades, which must in turn be adopted by the various jurisdictions that produce maple syrup.

The new grades may take a while to appear, but nutrition facts labels are already starting to show up on containers. Syrup will carry the same kind of nutrition table as, say, corn flakes.

The labels, mandated by the federal government, will show the consumer the calories and the amount of each of 13 core nutrients contained in syrup.

Large producers had a Dec. 12, 2005 deadline; smaller operations like most of those are in our area have until the end of 2007.

Analysis of samples taken across Ontario shows 50ml of syrup contains about 180 calories, 15 per cent of daily sugar requirements and six per cent of calcium.

The local covers Durham region, the city of Kawartha Lakes, the counties of Peterborough and Haliburton and the northern part of Hastings County.

Eric Thompson of Haliburton was acclaimed to a second term as president of the Local.

Other members of the new executive are vice-president Neil Campbell of Minden, secretary Eleanor Reed of Kirkfield, treasurer Jody Peters of Bancroft, directors Sam McLean of Lakefield, Paul McKeiver of Peterborough and Miles Martin of Bobcaygeon and past president Jean Schlicklin-Tyler of Haliburton.



The 2006 directors and executive of the Haliburton-Kawartha Maple Syrup Producers' Association are, from left: Back row: past president Jean Tyler, Donald; Paul McKeiver, Peterborough; Miles Martin Bobcaygeon, and Sam McLean, Lakefield. Front row: Jody Peters, Bancroft; treasurer Eleanor Reed, Kirkfield; vice-president Neil Campbell, Minden; and Eric Thompson, Haliburton.



President Eric Thompson and treasurer Jody Peters display Ed Barkey's slice of maple. Photos by Roger Hutchinson.

Four cottages broken into on Thunderbird Road in Highlands East

Officers from the Bancroft OPP detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police had a very busy weekend responding to almost 50 calls for assistance or investigation. These calls included traffic complaints, family disputes, neighbour disputes, alarms, and abandoned vehicles. There were three false alarms during the weekend, which is a noticeable improvement from past weekends.

Break-ins on Thunderbird Road

On Friday January 20 officers were called to a cottage on Thunderbird Road in Highlands East.

The owner had attended the cottage, which had been broken into, and, along with police, located fresh tracks leading out onto the lake. Upon further checking, officers found four more cottages located nearby on Thunderbird Road that had been forcibly entered.

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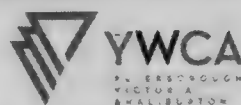
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Although food remains at the forefront of what Independent offers to customers, the store is changing Highlanders' perception of what a supermarket is. Open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., the store offers customers groceries, a gas station, a drugstore pharmacy with extended hours, health and beauty section, meals to go, houseware, photo finishing, cards and wrapping paper, a floral market, smoke shop and an outdoor garden centre.

"You can find things in this store that you can't find anywhere else in Haliburton, all at a competitive price," says owner Steve Todd. "There is variety in general merchandise and furniture and appliances. President's Choice brand coffee makers and blenders are affordable and appealing."

Originally from Scarborough, Todd has been in the grocery business for 15 years. Before coming to Haliburton with his wife Michelle and five-year-old daughter Drew, he owned an Independent store in



Ottawa for two years. Prior to Ottawa he managed a No Frills store in Cobourg where Todd says he was first exposed to the appealing small town atmosphere.

"You get a relationship with customers that you'll never have in a city," says Todd who was happy to return to a smaller community after Ottawa.

May 5th will mark the one-year anniversary of the opening of the Independent. Todd says the biggest change he has noticed since opening has been the difference in the volume of customers between summer and winter, a fact that many retailers and businesses are all too familiar with.

For the next year Todd has big plans to get more involved in community events and to support local charities.

Since opening, Todd's Independent has raised \$4,000 through President's Choice Children's Charities. The charity is supported by all Loblaw businesses and is dedicated to helping children who are physically or developmentally challenged. President's Choice's Children's Charities provides direct financial assistance to families for the purchase of expensive mobility equipment, environmental modification and physical therapy.

Todd says that in a community such as Haliburton you can actually see and get to know customers who have benefited directly from fundraising. Previously Todd has seen President's Choice Children's Charities purchase wheelchairs and a van for families in need.

Todd's Independent, located at the lights on County Road 21, is part of a new growth of expansion for Haliburton businesses that are developing outside the downtown main street.

Change is happening in Haliburton and Todd's Independent is an example of that.

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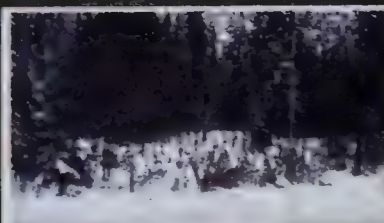
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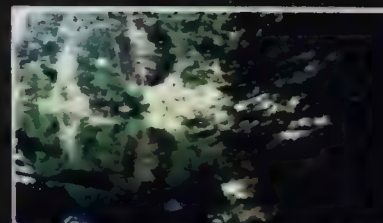
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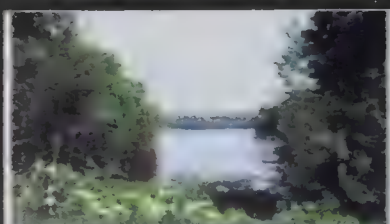
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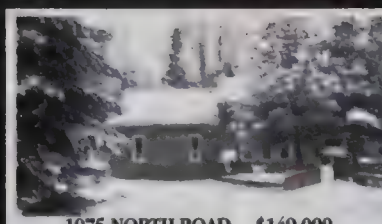
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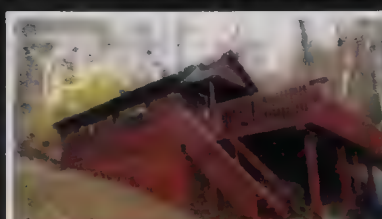
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Applause, applause at the popular Silver Stick Tournament, which attracted 1,000 people to Haliburton County. Photo, Darren Lum.

Business scores

Economy booms when sports tournaments come to town

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Hosting multi-day tournaments is bringing economic prosperity to Haliburton County.

Hockey tournament organizers such as the Highland Storm (a member of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association) and Pat Russell, who founded the long-running Coby Islander tournament, give local businesses a boost, particularly during the area's economic slow periods.

Close to 1,000 people, including players, coaches, and family, visited Haliburton County during the Storm's hosting of the Silver Stick tournament on two successive weekends (Dec. 10/11 and Dec. 17/18) — normally a quiet time for area businesses.

Highland Storm President Terry Goodwin said his organization benefits directly from a well-run tournament by getting teams to think of Haliburton County as the destination of choice.

"If we do a good job and put on a good tournament more and more teams are going to want to come to our Silver Sticks," Goodwin says.

There are Silver Stick tournaments held across North America for both girls and boys, including regional and final tournaments. Since its first final in Port Huron in 1969, the Silver Stick has featured more than 65,000 players and coaches.

Most teams, Goodwin says, look on the OMHA website during the summer to

decide what tournaments they will play.

"Our goal is to become one of the two or three [tournaments] they choose," he says.

The Storm executive has recently been considering an early-season, two-day tournament called the Highland Storm Classic to coincide with the changing autumn leaves in late October.

"It is at such a beautiful time of year here that it would appeal to people coming into the area from maybe a little farther away. Winter driving in December and January is a real concern that they wouldn't want to do it, but they would be willing to come into the area in the fall. We realize, too, that if we run a successful tournament and businesses are benefiting then when we go fundraising in July looking for team sponsors, the businesses are more likely to sign on and sponsor a team."

This proposed tournament is expected to precede hunting season in November.

The county has been host to a Silver Stick tournament for three years. They plan on holding multi-day tournaments, replacing the single day tournaments, next year.

Storm teams competing in Silver Stick games generate enough revenue from the gate receipts and raffle tickets for expenses to compete in at least two away tournaments.

Curry Motors is one of several major sponsors of the Silver Stick tournament.

Andy Salvatori, the dealership's sales manager and a Pee wee Tri-County coach,

says his company first got involved to help the tournament get started, but also recognized its importance to the area's economic future.

Despite Curry Motors not receiving a direct benefit from the tournament, he said, all businesses benefit in the long run. There's a hope that visiting families and individuals will be influenced to settle or vacation in the area, adding to the customer base and ensuring economic prosperity for all businesses.

Curry's has been sponsoring the Silver Stick for three years and has also been a strong supporter of children's hockey in general.

Pat Russell said the Coby Islander's four-day Easter tournament brought 50 teams last year, 60 per cent of which were from outside the area, attracting hundreds of people to the area.

Started in 1978, the tournament has grown, starting from six teams and one date to include four dates and more than 100 teams: The Hallowe'en Bash in October, Winterfest in January, The Highlands Classic in February, and the Easter tournament. Each team averages 15 players.

This tournament has attracted teams from as far away as the United States and Switzerland. There are more than 100 games played at the Easter tournament alone.

Apart from the increase in participation, the tournament has changed little except

for the overall calibre of play and the ease with which organizers can get businesses to donate prizes such as hats, sweaters, and services.

This and other multi-day tournaments ensure that employment at the Delta Pinestone Resort is maintained during November and early December when large group accommodation doesn't usually occur, says General Manager Scott de Savoye.

"It's very important to us. It's definitely a big piece of business and comes at a time of year that is normally very quiet," he said.

De Savoye said that during the six weeks of an accommodation lull, the tournaments account for nearly \$50,000 of revenue because he has hockey players and their families stay at his resort. The resort is the largest accommodation centre in Haliburton County.

Retailer Glen Sharpely, owner of Sharpely Source for Sports in Haliburton, says up to half of every visiting team goes to his store because of the close proximity to the arena.

"The Silver Stick brings a lot of people to town. It's not just me. We see a blip in our hockey business," he says.

As a retailer he would love that all the pee wee and bantam tournaments be held in Haliburton. (The tournament is hosted by both Minden and Haliburton.)

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Ups and downs of volleyball

The J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Jaguars intermediate girls pushed crosstown rivals to an extra game, but lost at the zone tournament hosted by the school on Tuesday, Jan. 17. The Jaguars fell short though losing 2 - 1 (25 - 23, 23 - 25, 12 - 15) and were unsuccessful in their following games against Langton and Bobcaygeon. Coaches said the team earned as many accumulative points in the tournament as top ranked Langton. On the same day the school's intermediate boys were successful pushing top zone seed Langton to a tie-breaking (15 - 17) game in Bobcaygeon but were unable to advance to the Zone tournament. Langton and Archie Stouffer Elementary School advanced to the zone tournament. Photos, Darren Lum.

Bigger picture to tourneys

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Sharpley says players in the peewee and bantam divisions have specific needs and buy more equipment.

"The older Silver Stick, the second wave, was way busier than the first wave," he said. "Amazing. It isn't as imperative for younger kids to have a new blade or new stick or get skates sharpened as it is to the older kid who can actually notice and feel a difference."

When the Coby Islander is on during the Easter long weekend, the customer traffic is another busy hockey retail high point.

"The first day of tryouts people pull their skates out and go: 'Wow, maybe I should get them sharpened for practice.' We're pretty busy all day long at the Coby on the skate sharpener," he said.

De Savoye also sees the larger picture and adds, "The more events, whether it's hockey, winter carnivals, dogsled derbies - the more events that we can have in Haliburton County that draw people to the area the more these people are going to want to come back."

"They may want to buy a cottage. They may want to relocate here so I can't see it as a bad thing...there's nothing but an upside to it."

The 5th Annual



Friday January 27th, 2006

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Saturday, January 28/06

7:30 am Late Registration (Villa 702 - Delta PineStone)
8:00 am Drivers Meeting (Delta PineStone Ballroom)
9:00 am 4 Dog Race Start
10:45 am Skijoring
12:15 pm 6 Dog Race Start
1:45 pm Kid & Mutt
2:15 pm Youth Race
4:00 pm 8 Dog Race

Sunday, January 29/06

7:30 am Drivers Meeting (Delta PineStone Ballroom)
8:30 am 4 dog race start
10:15 am Skijor Race
11:45 am 6 Dog Race Start
1:15 pm Youth Race
2:45 pm 8 Dog Race Start
4:00 pm Awards Ceremony, Volunteer & Sponsor Party (Delta PineStone Ballroom)

* all times are approx. depending on the number of teams racing

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Red Hawks crunch the Spartans

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The Red Hawks were striking all the right offensive notes in their first home game since the holiday break on Monday, Jan. 16.

Both the Hawks and the LCVI Spartans exhibited numerous mental errors, resulting in several scoring chances that provided the crowd with plenty to cheer about – when they weren't holding their breath.

"It was a bit of a shaky start for us. Emotionally, I think, it is difficult to get yourself pumped up after having a tournament on the weekend. That was part of the situation," HHSS Head Coach Ron Yake said.

The Red Hawks had just finished second in a 16-team round robin tournament in Peterborough, losing to Kawartha League-leading Campbellford Flames 3-2 in the final on the weekend (January 13 and 14). HHSS had led 2-0 but surrendered the lead and a goal in the third period. They won six games en route: 4-2 against St. Stephens (Bowmanville), 5-3 against Lakefield (Peterborough), 3-0 against Beal (London), 6-1 against Oakwood (Toronto) in the quarter-finals, and 3-1 against Sir John A. MacDonald (Waterloo) in the semi-finals.

Of the return to the regular season, Yake adds, "We did have a few mental lapses with giving away the centre of the ice."

Yake will address this in practices leading up to the playoffs. He will advise his team to push the puck to the outside. He was pleased with the offensive production.

The Red Hawks came alive late in the



Red Hawks defenceman Connor MacMillan lays a hip check on LCVI Spartans forward Jeremy McCarty early in the first period when HHSS led by a goal. Red Hawks won 9-4. Photo, Darren Lum.

first period and strung together seven unanswered goals after surrendering three quick Spartan goals within a three-minute span.

At the start of the game the Red Hawks' faithful were given reason to cheer when defenceman Derek Nesbitt scored the game's first goal for an early lead. Assists came from Jonathon Sharpley and Zach

Joanu. But HHSS lost the momentum when LCVI silenced the home crowd with the three-goal outburst during the first period's mid-point.

Starting Red Hawks goalie Adam Sachs was pulled with 6:29 left in the first, replaced by Mike Lennox. Sachs allowed three quick goals; all shots were taken in tight, however, giving the lanky goalie lit-

tle chance to stop them.

The goalkeeper change gave the Red Hawks a spark. Lennox was brilliant, allowing only one goal for the rest of the game, stopping several one-timer shots.

"Mike Lennox had a solid game in net, making some key stops at key times when the score was close," Yake says.

HHSS forward Mitch Vasey initiated the team's scoring spree with a one-timer at the front of the Spartans net off a centering pass by Matt Duchene with 4:12 left, bringing HHSS to within one goal (3-2) of the Spartans. Jordan Joanu assisted. It brought the crowd their feet, shouting for more.

Duchene's line, with six minutes left in the second, struck again. Matt Roberts collected a loose puck in front of the Spartans' goalmouth and whipped a backhand past the Jarro Quiggley, the Spartans netminder.

Seconds later Lennox preserved the tie by making a stacked pads save off a Spartans' shot.

Vasey, with five minutes remaining left in the third period, gave the Red Hawks their first lead since the start of the game with a quick shot over the glove hand of Quiggley. Joanu assisted again.

Duchene finished the second period with a shorthanded goal (unassisted) on a breakaway. Flying past the defence from his own end, his low shot ripped past a stunned Quiggley. It was the eventual game winner as LCVI's Rick Kennedy added the Spartans' fourth and final goal with less than eight minutes in the third.

After the shorthanded goal the two teams looked ready to pack it in as the teams cruised the rest of the way.

HHSS will see their next action during the weekend of February 3 at a tournament in Mississauga.

Notables: Duchene continues leading the team in points, collecting five points (3 goals, 2 assists).

Kindergarten Registration

Junior and Senior Kindergarten

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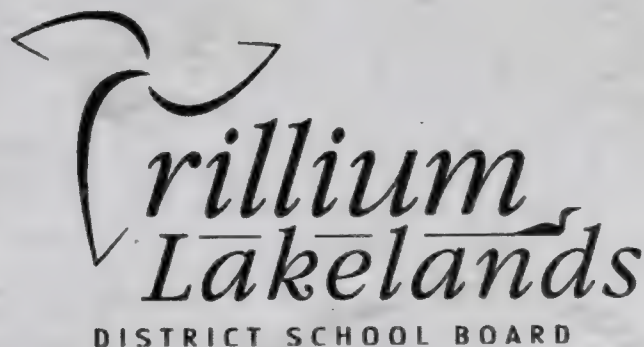
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- Kindergarten programs operate on all-day/alternate day basis
- Junior Kindergarten students MUST be 4 years of age by December 31, 2006
- Senior Kindergarten students MUST be 5 years of age by December 31, 2006 (only for children not currently enrolled in Junior Kindergarten program)
- Contact the school in your attendance area for further registration details
- School phone numbers and more information may be found at www.tlidsb.on.ca

To register your child in Kindergarten, please bring:

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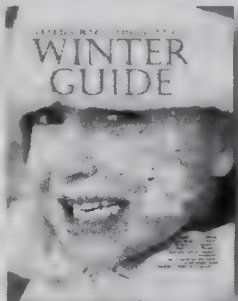
Information nights will be held at each of the schools offering French Immersion:

Haliburton:	Stuart Baker ES	January 24, 2006 7:00 pm
Muskoka:	Monck PS	January 31, 2006 7:00 pm
	Riverside PS	February 1, 2006 7:00 pm
Lindsay:	Leslie Frost PS	January 23, 2006 7:00 pm

For more information please contact the school in your area. School phone numbers can be found at www.tlidsb.on.ca

Registration forms are available at each location and must be returned to appropriate school by February 3, 2006.

Potential French Immersion students may register at their local school for JK or they may register for JK at the French Immersion School in their area. After March 31st, registration of out-of-area JK students at French Immersion schools will only be permitted if space is available.



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The winners of the Haliburton Lumber A Curling Event (from left) Brian Robinson, Bryce Sansom, Ray Balachorek, and Jim Perrott.



The Curry Motors B event winners (from left) Adam Riggan, Warren Preece, Alan Steffen, and Brian Trigg.



The Home Hardware C event winners (from left) Andy Glecoff, David Reynolds, Jim Scheffee, and Don Popple.



The Dawson Insurance D event winners (from left) David Harris, Chester Howse, Wayne Hussey and Moe Welch.

Snowmobilers wanted for prostate run

On Saturday, Feb. 18 the Prostate Extreme Team will be looking for snowmobile enthusiasts from across Ontario to come out and join fellow riders in the Haliburton area to raise awareness and funds for prostate cancer research.

The 100 km ride will begin at the Stanhope Firefighters Hall and travel the scenic trails of the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association's trail system.

A minimum event pledge of \$50 is required along with a \$35 entry fee, which includes a hot lunch after the ride, extensive prize table and a great opportunity to meet other snowmobile enthusiasts all riding for a great cause from all over Ontario.

Prostate cancer is the most common type of cancer diagnosed in men. Prostate cancer affects one in seven men in the course of their lifetime. If left untreated prostate cancer can be life threatening; however, with early detection, cure rates are as high as 95 per cent. All men over the age of 40 are potentially at risk and should speak to their doctor about testing annually.

The Prostate Extreme Team is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising both awareness and funds for the Prostate Cancer Research Foundation of Canada. Its

Tour of Hope consists of a Tour of Hope Snowmobile Ride, a Tour of Hope Motorcycle Ride and a Tour of Hope ATV Ride.

For more information on the Prostate Extreme Teams upcoming events, or to download pledge and registration forms please visit www.prostateextremeteam.com or call 1-905-847-8077.

Riders who collect the highest amount in pledges will win \$500 in Yamaha Bucks (1st prize), \$300 in Yamaha Bucks (2nd prize), and \$200 in Yamaha Bucks (3rd prize). A fabulous mystery prize will be won by the person who travels the farthest to attend this event. Numerous door prizes will also be given away during announcements.

If you are interested in sponsoring the Prostate Extreme Team, please send an e-mail to sherri@prostateextremeteam.com. This ride is a family event and is open to all.

Thirty-two teams at Skyline Bonspiel

The 47th annual Skyline Bonspiel had 128 players vying for the four winning titles at the Haliburton Curling Club during the Jan. 20/21/22 weekend.

With 32 teams, including seven local rinks, the club's organizers Wayne Hussey and Chester Howse are anxious to move into their new addition slated for future construction.

An Alliston team came the farthest.

Organizers thank the sponsors that included Ray's Pizza, who was a new sponsor to the long-time running event.

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Novice girls take home hockey silver

Highland Storm players happy after road trip to North Simcoe

The Highland Storm Novice Girls have returned home from a North Simcoe hockey tournament with a silver medal.

Prior to this tournament Coach Dan Marsden had been working hard preparing the girls for the big weekend, shuffling the lines and here is how they ended up. Sharing the duty of tender: Connor Marsden and Erica Carmount. Holding the line are Jamie Little, Madison Billings, Kenndal Marsden and McKinnon Casey. Up the middle are Erin Little and Peyton Howorko and up front working the corners are Christina Stephen, Sydney Cameron, Sydney Feir and Nicole Black.

The coaching staff had many goals for this tournament but none bigger than their first goal: to win the first two games. Arriving at the rink early Saturday morning and looking at the for-

mat, the parents realized that winning the first two games had the girls playing at noon on Sunday and a loss of one or more of the games had them playing at 7 a.m.. So the pressure was on.

First game was against Barrie, a team they had never seen before. It turned out to be a fast-paced, competitive game with many chances at each end with both goalies playing outstandingly. The score late in the third was Barrie 1 Highland Storm 0. Coach Marsden pulled the goalie and put on the extra attacker. The six attackers worked hard but were unable to tie the game. The parents' dream of sleeping in was over.

Game two was against the hard-working home team, the Coldwater Capitals, and proved to be another dandy with many scoring opportunities. Erica Carmount allowed only one goal in the

game, letting the Storm win the game 4-1.

A win in the next morning's game would put the girls in the championship game on Sunday. Could they pull this off? Coach Marsden's wake up call came at 5 a.m.! Shortly after 5:30, 10 minivans went through Tim Horton's drive through and travelled down the road to Coldwater convoy style. The Storm was matched up with the home team once again for the semi-final game. The Storm came out flying and won the game 7-1. There were six different shooters and the rest of the girls contributed with helpers.

The championship game was no different than the rest of our weekend: a great experience for the team. The Coldwater arena is similar to the Wilberforce arena with only one door leading to the ice. As the girls waited for the tractor to get off the ice, the teams were competing to see

which team had the loudest cheer. The game had a playoff atmosphere. The cheering from the parents and friends was awesome.

The girls played their best game of the tournament, but it was Barrie that got the bounces in this one, winning the game 3-1. The girls were presented with well-deserved silver medals.

The tournament was a great confidence builder which saw McKinnon Casey, a first-year player, with her first goal, Peyton Howorko with the MVP of the championship game and Jason Casey with a win in the chuck-a-puck, sliding the rock in to the house like an old pro.

Thanks again to the Highland Storm and the Royal Canadian Legion for their continual support. Happy New Year to everyone and good luck to all the other teams in the play offs!

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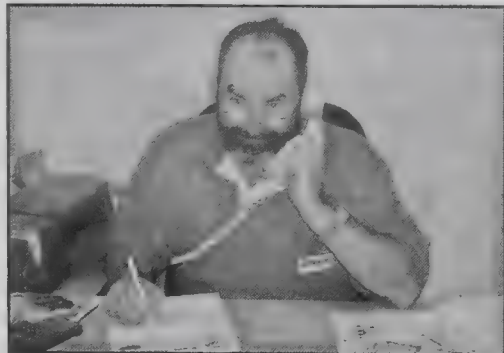
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Emily Turner drives up the first ascent on the Glebe Park Course during the Haliburton Open Nordic skiing races. Emily finished second in the Juvenile Girls 5 km Free with a time of 21:11.8.



Regena Sinclair skates up the first hill during her Juvenile Girls 5 km Free event where she finished fifth with a time of 23:14.2. The young competitor also competed in Classic, finishing first in Juvenile Girls 3 km with a time of 15:21.5.



Paige Roberts skates towards the finishline for a first place in the Midget Girls 3 km Free with a time of 20:46.1.

150 skiers race at Glebe

There were more than 150 skiers and some of the best young cross-country skiers in North America attended the Haliburton Open at Glebe Park on the Saturday and Sunday, January 21 and 22.

Since the race was also a qualifier for the Ontario Universities (OUA) ski league, many of the competitors were student athletes, some experiencing the test of the Glebe Park race course for the first time.

This was also an international competition because it included an enthusiastic team from Rochester, New York who made the trip in search of great snow. Friday night's 15cm snowfall helped kindle their excitement.

Saturday's race format specified that all athletes use the classic style, and Friday night's dump of moist snow meant that the course was a true challenge.

Despite the tough conditions, Carleton University skiers got the wax right with Kate Scallion and Edward McCarthy taking the gold in the Open Men's (10km) and Women's (5km) category.

Notable results from local skiers came

from Preston Roberts, Joshua Wright and Regena Sinclair who took the gold in their age categories. Jennifer Paton and Damon Flatman took silver, while Daniel Wright, Linda Shantz and Mike Darlington took bronze.

Sunday's free technique (or skating-style) race was held under ideal conditions on near-perfect trails. Gavin Hamilton, took the top spot again for Carleton by winning the 16km race in a time of 41:32.

On the women's side, Carley Kenwell of Laurentian University won the women's 8km event in a time of 23:42.

Sunday's notable performers include Paige Roberts, Damon Flatman and Joshua Wright who all went home with gold in their age categories. Emily Turner took silver and Daniel Wright picked up bronze.

In general, the visiting skiers marvelled at the excellent trails and superb stadium area of the Glebe Park race course.

The many Haliburton Ski Club volunteers were showered with compliments from coaches and athletes alike for their fine work in making the event happen.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

- **DATE:** Wednesday, February 8th, 2006
- **TIME:** 11:00 am.
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers at the Municipal Office, 135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-05-028 – Donna and Mark Creelman
 - Purpose and Effect: to legally recognize an existing addition to a single family dwelling.
 - Reduce the minimum rear lot line setback (rear building setback) to 8 feet.
 - Location: Part Lot 18, Concession 9, Dysart Township (199 Pine Ave.).
2. D13-MV-05-029 – Harcourt Park Inc. (Robert and Nancy Reid)
 - Purpose and Effect: to legally recognize an existing private garage.
 - Reduce the minimum water setback to 32 feet.
 - Location: Part Lot 3, Concession 8, Harcourt Township (Allen Lake – 1011 Oriole Lane).
3. D13-MV-05-031 – 1553120 Ontario Inc. (Fort Irwin Marina)
 - Purpose and Effect: to permit construction of a boat storage building, accessory a marina.
 - Reduce the minimum front lot line setback (front building setback) to 40 feet.
 - Reduce the minimum interior side lot line setback (interior side building setback) to 20 feet.
 - Reduce the minimum rear lot line setback (rear building setback) to 45 feet.
 - Reduce the minimum water setback to 40 feet.
 - Location: Part Lot 11, Concession 6, Harburn Township (Haliburton Lake - 5002 Haliburton Lake Road).
4. D13-MV-06-001 – J. Kevin Dacey and Joyce A. Dacey
 - Purpose and Effect: to permit construction of a dwelling and a private garage.
 - Reduce the minimum street setback for a dwelling to 49.5 feet from the centerline of Green Lake Road.
 - Increase the maximum lot coverage to 25% (By-law 2005-120, as amended).
 - Increase the maximum building area for a main building to 20% (By-law 77-32, as amended).
 - Location: Part Lot 4, Concession 5, Guilford Township (Green Lake – Green Lake Road # not assigned).

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing in person to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by Counsel for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept written submissions. A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Note: By-law 2005-120 is a new Comprehensive Zoning By-law for the Municipality of Dysart et al, passed by Council on December 12th, 2005. Once By-law 2005-120 is in full force and effect, it will replace the current Comprehensive Zoning By-law, By-law 77-32, as amended. Until that time, by-law amendments and minor variances must be passed to both zoning by-laws.

Date: January 23rd, 2006

Patricia Martin, BES, MCIP, RPP
Secretary – Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment

Novice Storm wins first play-off game

Curtis Ballantyne scores a hat trick; Highland Storm wins 7-5 against Oro

The Highland Storm Novice team looked strong when they met Oro for their first play-off game at the Minden arena on Saturday, January 21.

Devon Upton opened the scoring ten minutes into the first period with a nice back-hand goal assisted by Braeden Roberts and Braydin Hollows.

Upton also started the scoring in the second period

which continued to be "All Storm". Curtis Ballantyne scored the next goal with a beauty "top-shelf" shot and Hollows followed up with an awesome redirect on an airbourne shot from Ballantyne. Assists on the three second period goals went to Hunter Bishop, Hollows, Upton and Ballantyne.

Defensemen Joel Fedeski, Owen Flood, Connor Gadway and Ballantyne did an amazing job of keeping the puck in Oro's end which cut down considerably on the shots on the Storm goalie, Logan Churko.

So as not to break the pattern, Upton once again scored the first goal of the third period, giving him a "hat trick". The Storm scored two more goals before Oro put one on the scoreboard. William Stephenson tapped in a nice shot from the corner of the net on a great pass from Fedeski and Blake Wood and Upton scored his fourth of the game with the help of Hollows.

The Storm made the final score 8-1 when Ballantyne scored his second with an assist going to Upton.

Oro looked determined not to have a repeat of yesterday's game when they met the Novice team on

Minden's ice for Game 2, Sunday January 22.

Bishop put the Storm on the scoreboard at 7:05 on a pass from Stevenson. The team managed to hold Oro scoreless for the first period.

Ballantyne scored 52 seconds into the second period with assists going to Roberts and Upton. Oro followed up one minute later with their first of the game. They see-sawed back and forth again with Hollows scoring for the Storm with help from Roberts and Upton, and Andrews scoring for Oro.

Ballantyne sunk his second of the game with a sweet shot on a pass from Gadway. The second period ending 4-2 for the Storm.

The third period saw Oro playing more aggressively and scored two quick goals only seconds apart. Upton answered back with a lovely unassisted marker and one minute later Ballantyne made his "hat-trick". Both teams notched one more point each on the scoreboard, the Storm's by Ballantyne with Hollows assisting to make the final tally 7-5 in favour of the Storm.

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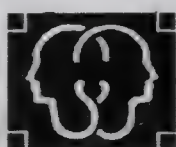
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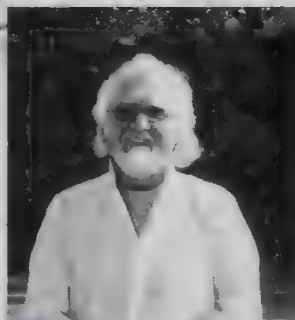
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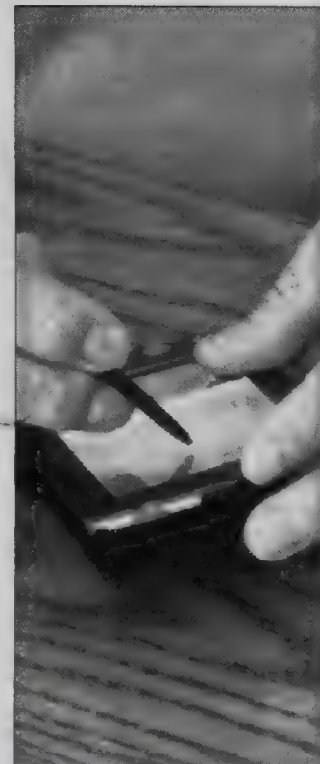
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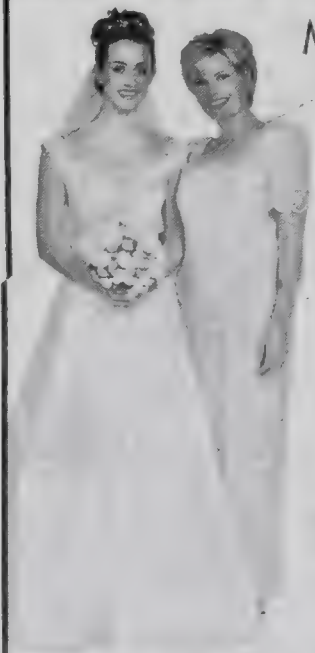
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Tea length and coloured wedding gowns are hot bridal trends

Today's bride isn't afraid to put a new twist on an old idea. Brides are finding novel ways to express their own style with interesting slants on established customs – even the once-sacred domain of the wedding dress is starting to bend to the trend.

Two of the most common changes are tea length wedding gowns and coloured wedding gowns.

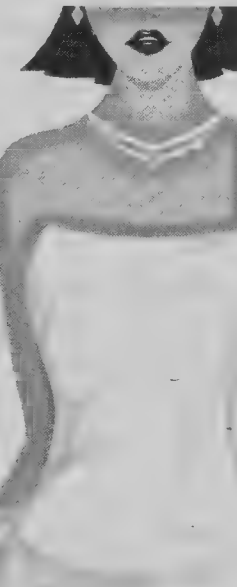
Tea length wedding gowns originally saw a surge in popularity during the depression and war eras, when both fabric and money were in short supply. A tea length wedding gown was less expensive and easier to piece together from remnant or recycled fabric, because its mid-calf length and the lack of a train required much less material than the traditional floor length gown.

But most of today's brides are choosing tea length gowns for reasons of personal style, not a monetary crunch. With so many brides choosing to have smaller, more intimate ceremonies, the tea length wedding gown is making a real comeback.

Another common call is for colour. Many of today's brides are expressing their style in colour, even when it comes to their wedding gowns. Some brides go for the subtler colour expressions, running from gold and silver embroidery and coloured beading to coloured sashes and hems. Even more adventurous brides will take it further, with wedding gowns awash in pastels and even dramatic jewel tones. Some of the most common colours you'll find today include navy and light blue,

red, rum, lavender and pink – though many other colors show up too, including black.

While fully coloured wedding gowns are still a minority offering with most designers, gowns with coloured accents are becoming common and are easier to track down. If you have a specific style in mind, you'll probably need to find a seamstress or a designer who offers customized services. Again, a little research may be all it takes to get you that perfect gown straight out of your imagination – without having to spend a fortune.



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It brings to mind the story about the queen who was eating with a beggar. The beggar was eating peas with his knife because he didn't know it was proper to eat them with a fork. In order not to make him feel bad, she ate her peas with a knife. That is real class.

Here are some things to take note of when thinking of wedding etiquette:

- An engagement party may be hosted by the couple or either set of parents. It can be cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at your home.

You could include family and friends. Dinner at a restaurant with just family is another option. In any case don't expect a gift at this party.

- Some say it's OK to say "adults only reception" in the invitations. Some say it's not. Of course if children are part of the wedding party they definitely will be there, but don't get bent out of shape if others come along with their parents. More than likely people won't bring them unless they are particularly close to you. Never include the words "no kids" on the invitation.

- Think a long time about who your attendants will be. It wouldn't be good wedding etiquette to "uninvite" someone after you've already asked them to be a bridesmaid, for instance. By the way, bridesmaids and ushers don't have to be an even number. One usher may escort two bridesmaids, if necessary.

- If this is your second marriage and you have children, by all means include them in the wedding. One way is to let them give you away. It will make it a lot

easier for them knowing you want them to be a part of it.

- Wedding etiquette has changed. If it's your second time around it's all right to wear white.

- If it's your first time around it's OK to wear a colour.

- If money is an object, you and your fiancé should invite only the people that mean the most to you. Sometimes the guest list is lopsided. This should be discussed and all parties should have a meeting of the minds.

- The groom's mother should talk to the bride's mother about what she should wear. It's only good wedding etiquette.

- Everyone should feel comfortable at the reception.

tion. Use place cards at the tables so people will be with others that they are compatible with. Have a seating chart where they enter so that they don't have to search for their table.

- Where there are more than two sets of parents (step-parents) it can sometimes be unpleasant. Come to an agreement beforehand about seating, the receiving line and such.

- Speaking of receiving lines, it is not necessary at a small and informal wedding. You can just mingle and introduce people.

- It is just not cool or good wedding etiquette to ask for cash only as a gift for your wedding. In fact it's down-right tacky.

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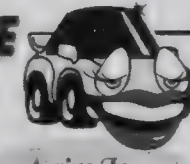
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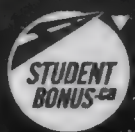
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Handy who said the grace also spoke fondly to the guest of honour, and a niece, Shirley shared remembrances of her early years when she spent time on Murray and Helen's farm. Ev Stata read her poem in tribute to Helen, and Bonnie Barry sang her mother her own composition.

All of these expressed the affection felt by all present. Gord Samells, a brother-in-law was also present with his daughter, Karen Ross of North Bay.

While mentioning Barrys in general, please note that Karl Barry's daughter's name should read Dale Toye.

Earl and I attended the seventieth

birthday party at the Legion of Yvonne Johnson, a complete surprise planned by her husband Paul and their daughters. Ken and Leanne Goodall, Grenville Griffin, Lou and Yvonne Vesh and Gerry and Ralph Palmer were several of the Guilford people who attended.

Yvonne was overjoyed by surprise, and delighted by the many who came, and appreciated all her girls had done in the way of refreshments and entertainment. So good to be all together at happy events.

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Location: Allen Lake
 - Shoreline Road Allowance
 - Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lot 2, Concession 8, Township of Harcourt.
 - Defined as Part 1 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by C.T. Strongman Surveying Ltd., being available for review in the Planning Department.
- Applicant:** Wood/Roberts
Location: Haliburton Village
 - Road Allowance
 - Part of the Road Allowance (daylighting triangle) for Highland and Spruce Streets In Front of Lot 18, Concession 8, Township of Dysart.
 - Defined on a plan of survey attached to Instrument No. 15573, prepared by Harry Curry Bishop, OLS., being available for review in the Planning Department.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey the portions of road allowance described above.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall at its meeting to be held as noted above, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (8:30 am. to 4:30 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 19th day of January, 2006.

Patricia E. Martin
M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Municipal Planner



MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL REQUIRES A BUILDING INSPECTOR

The Municipality of Dysart et al is seeking an individual for the part time with the possibility of increasing to a full time position of Building Inspector. Reporting to the Chief Building Official/Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, the successful candidate will be responsible for assisting the Chief Building Official/Municipal Law Enforcement Officer with the operations of the Building Department.

The successful applicant must have the required certification for House or Small Building by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing or have obtained this certification by June 1st, 2006 to maintain employment.

A detailed job description is available upon request.

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications.

Qualified candidates are encouraged to submit a detailed resume to the undersigned by noon on Wednesday, February 1, 2006:

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HALIBURTON, Ontario
K0M 1S0

Attention: Tammy McKelvey, A.M.C.T.
CAO/Clerk
Email: tmckelvey@county.haliburton.on.ca

We thank all applicants but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information is collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used only for employment purposes.

Curlers engage in friendly rivalry

The Curling Club in Wilberforce was buzzing with friendly, yet keen competition on Friday evening and all day Saturday, January 20 and 21. Joining players from this area were avid curlers from the Minden, Haliburton and Bancroft clubs.

Melanie Lewis once again convened this successful mixed bonspiel. She was assisted in running the ten-team event by Doug Stephen, club president, and people such as Elois Somerville who provided great food for hungry curlers, Sally Stirling who tended the score sheets and others who helped at the bar and in the kitchen. Many thanks to all who donated prizes for the winners.

The tap team was that of Jack Taylor, Winn Taylor, Steve Robson and Audry Robson from the Minden Club with 37.75 points. Hot on their heels was another Minden team: Zelda Cooper, Murray Cooper, Karen Collis and Sue Ripley with 36.5 points. A Wilberforce team of Mansfred Stelter, Bryon Kellar, Joan Clark and Brenda Kellar was in third place with 34.5 points. Following closely in fourth place with 33.5 points was the team of Ron Barr, Colleen Ward, Jack Jackson and Diane Jackson.

A good time was had by all with enthusiasm for the sport of curling very evident. Teams are already signing up for the women's Valentine Bonspiel coming up on February 10 and 11. To enter a team call Doug Stephen at (705) 448-1411. It's always a fun event.

The Algonquin Cookhouse restaurant in Harcourt has been closed since New Year's. It is expected to reopen in the spring. Thankfully for those who like to eat out, the Crossroads Cafe, a family restaurant in Wilberforce is a welcome spot open daily for all meals. Many snowmobilers found it a great spot for food as they took a break from enjoying the new snow on the many trails in this area this past weekend.

The annual meeting of the Wilberforce

Heritage Guild will be held at the Outpost Museum this Thursday, January 26, beginning at 7 p.m. To learn about the work of the Guild in 2005 and enjoy refreshments, do drop by.

Elsie Lewis led the service at St. Margaret's Church on Sun., Jan. 22. In addition to playing the organ she also read two of the lessons and delivered the sermon. She spoke on the book of Jonah.

Haliburton County Council arranged an evening session at the Lloyd Watson Centre for people in Highlands East and area to learn about the services that are provided by the County staff in return for the taxes paid to that level of government. From 7 to 9 p.m. on Mon., Jan. 16 people

from various departments were set up to provide answers and give information. They included staff from Roads and 911, Library, Planning and Development (including GIS, the Geographic Information System), Economic and Marketing Division, Forestry and Conservation, Emergency Management Services (EMI) and of course the Treasurer who could explain each department's budgetary requirements. Warden Murray Fearrey and Highlands East Reeve Keith Tallman were there answering questions too. Very informative for those who attended. The advertising of this session might have been more informative and drawn more people. Maybe people prefer to stay home and complain, rather than eat out and get answers.

This was a good attempt by County Council and staff to be informative. Let's hope the sessions planned for Minden and Stanhope areas will be better advertised and well attended.

The Canadian election will be over when you read this. We hope that those elected always remember they are there for the common good of all Canadians. May our country continue to be one country with tolerant, forward looking, caring citizens and government.

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Hilda Clark

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Raise a glass to Robbie Burns

The dance with Pat Castleman as the D.J. was a success and she had a great selection of music.

January 25 is the Scottish poet Robbie Burns' birthday and in celebration we are having a Scottish style Dinner on Saturday January 28. There will be a pipe band from Bancroft. This has become an annual success story so don't be late. Cocktails at 5.30 and dinner at 6.30 P.M. All this is just \$12 per plate.

This promises to be a very enjoyable occasion. If you have any more questions call 448-2221.

Lest we forget:

Monday is fun pool night; starting time is 7 p.m.

Wednesday is fun darts; starting time is 7 p.m.

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- **Jan. 25:** Introductions to Taoist Tai Chi - Gentle exercise for health. Haliburton: Heritage Ballet, Stedmans Mall lower level. Mon., Jan. 23 - 9:30 a.m. Wilberforce - Lloyd Watson Centre, Wed., Jan. 25, 1:15 p.m. Call Wilma at 457-1909.
- **Jan. 25:** Prenatal Class Registration Deadline. Join this free class offered by the Health Unit to help expectant parents prepare for baby's arrival. Call the Health Unit at 457-1391 to register or find out more.
- **Jan. 26:** Wilberforce Heritage Guild Annual Meeting - January 26, 7 p.m. Red Cross Outpost. Everyone Welcome.
- **Jan. 28:** Ontario Early Years Centre Minden - Family Literacy Day on Sat., Jan. 28 from 10:30 - 1:00. We will be making books, having story time, and sharing a potluck brunch. Each family will receive a new book to take home. Call 286-1770.
- **Jan. 29:** Free Public Skating at the Minden Arena, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sponsored by Monks Funeral Home.
- **Jan. 30 & 31:** Introductions to Taoist Tai Chi - Gentle exercise for health. Minden: Hyland Crest. Mon., Jan. 30 - 7:00 a.m. Tues., Jan. 31, 1:00 p.m. Call Ginny at 489-2996.
- **Feb. 1:** "Work Like You Don't Need the Money" - the Reinvention of Work. Learn to find meaningful, satisfying and sustainable work through this 15-week program beginning Wed., Feb. 1 at the Gaia Centre in Haliburton.
- **Feb. 2, 9 & 16:** Ontario Early Years Haliburton is offering Learning Begins workshop series for families with children 0-2 years in Haliburton. Babies have "best times" for learning. Join us to learn about how the brain works, find out when and what your baby is learning at each age, and find ways to give your child a best start in thinking and doing! Join us Thursday mornings starting February 2, 9, and 16 by registering at our Early Learning Centre 457-2989 by January 26, 2006. Ask us about child-care.
- **Feb. 4:** Dance! - Fundraiser for Kinmount Minor Hockey. Blues at the Hall! Featuring Johnny Mac and The Cobalt Blues Band. Join us for an evening of Hot Chicago swing style Blues and Hot Galtway style Chili! Sat., Feb. 4, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Age of Majority Event. Cash at the door.
- **Feb. 5:** Free Public Skating at the Minden Arena, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sponsored by Dollo's IGA.
- **Feb. 8:** The Regular Meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will be held Wednesday, February 8th. Doors open at 6 p.m., speaker at 7 p.m. Note new location: the Minden Hills Cultural Centre - enter by the back door. The speaker will be Tom Dawson of Wintergreen speaking about maple syrup production. No charge - everyone welcome. For more info contact Gail Leach-Wunker at 286-2225.

ON GOING EVENTS

- **Indoor walking** as a health promoting activity has begun again from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m., the halls of Archie Stouffer Elementary School. Walkers meet outside the custodian's office. No charge. For more info call Morris, 286-6079.
- **Ontario Early Years Centre** is offering Free Developmental Screening Clinics by appointment only. Held at the Centre (behind Sears). Call 286-1770 to register.
- **Now until May 29/06:** Adult Badminton - Mondays 8 to 10 p.m. Starting Sept. 19 to May 29, 2006 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Minden. Join us for fun, fellowship, and fitness. Phone 286-1765 for further info.
- **Do you enjoy euchre, bridge, and other card games?** Come to the Card Night at the Fort Irwin's Residents' Assoc. Hall (FIRA) on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. For more info call Ken Fuller at 754-3699.
- **Community Care Haliburton County** has volunteers just waiting to give seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults a Security Check Phone Call. If you know of anyone who needs a phone call once a day, please call Judy at 457-2941.
- **The Alzheimer Society** of Victoria County offers information and one on one support to family or other caregivers through a variety of satellite offices located near you in the City of Kawartha Lakes. Kinmount, at the Medical Centre, weekly Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Note for listing of family caregiver support groups dates and times, contact the Alzheimer society of Victoria County at 878-0126.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or brought in to the office. Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date. NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands.



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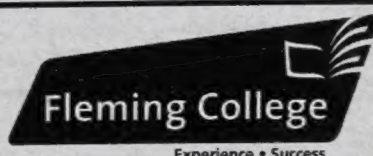
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DATED at Toronto this 20th day of January, 2006

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARILYN FRANCES ROBERTSON, deceased.

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AND take notice that after the last day named, the assets of the said Estate, will be distributed among the persons hereto entitled having regard only to the claims of which the Executor for the Estate being Allan Robertson, shall have notice.
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AT REST
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AT REST
MILDRED (nee McKelvey)
GARTSHORE
Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home Minden, on Monday, January 23, 2006.
In her 88th year.

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AT REST
NANCY ELEANOR
GORIN BIDGOOD
Passed away at the Haliburton Hospital on Thursday, January 19, 2006.
At the age of 72.

Beloved wife of the late Fred Bidgood and the late Hugh Gorin. Sister-in-law of Jack and Beryl Gorin of Haliburton. Loving daughter of the late Bill Pearson and Doris Pearson Merritt. Dear friend of Cathy MacKinnon of Oshawa and Bob Ripperger of Florida. Fondly remembered by her friends at the Haliburton Legion and by her golfing buddies. In accordance to Nancy's wishes, a Graveside Interment Service will be held at the Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton at a later date. Cremation has taken place. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 or online at (www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com). CA

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HAMMOND, ALICE - Suddenly while visiting family in Salt Lake City, on January 13, 2006 in her 78th year. Alice Veronica Hammond (nee McCambridge), loving wife of the late Leslie Henry Hammond; mother of Stephen and wife Diane; mother of Leslie Ann Legge and husband Doug; devoted grandmother of Samuel and Desmond; mother of Vincent and wife Barbara; grandmother of Andrea and Wesley. Funeral mass to be held at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, 1148 Finch Avenue, Pickering, on Friday, January 20, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. Cremation. Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

MARGARET ROSE
(nee Fuller)
THOMAS

Passed away at Peterborough Regional Health Centre Palliative Care Unit on January 16th, 2006.

At the age of 73.

Sadly missed by her children, Linda, Bill and Grant. Beloved Grandma of Carla and Nicole Shaw and Sarah Thomas. Dear sister of Donald (Priscilla) Fuller of South Africa, Kay (Jim) Morrison of Orillia, Dorothy (David) Williams of Oro Station and Brian (Sharon) Murison of Haliburton. Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 21st at the Peterborough Lions Centre, 347 Burnham Street, Peterborough with Rev. Robert Flowers officiating. In lieu of flowers a donation in Memory of Margaret to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

460 OBITUARIES

McGEE, ROSS - Peacefully at Afton Park Place, Samia on Friday, January 20, 2006, Ross (Fibber) McGee, age 85 of Samia. Ross was a life member of the C.P.G.A. Beloved husband of Jean (Ridealgh) McGee. Loved father of Donna and her husband Joe Yarkovsky of Samia, Judy and her husband Ron Tomcheck of Surrey, B.C., Carol and her husband Don McKnight of St. Mary's and Jim McGee and his wife Norah of Haliburton, Ont. Loving grandfather of Cheryl (Dan) Moore, Stephen (Sue) Andrews, Patti Lynn Robertson, Christine Tomcheck, Michael (Louise) Tomcheck, Jennifer (Justin) Shoniker and predeceased by Rhonda McGee. Dear brother of Don and Margaret. At Ross' request, there will be no funeral service or visitation. Burial of ashes has taken place at Lakeview Cemetery. Sympathy donations may be made to the Canadian War Amps. Memorial and condolences may be sent on line to www.smithfuneralhome.ca. SMITH FUNERAL HOME, 1576 London Line, Samia N7T 7H2, in charge of arrangements.

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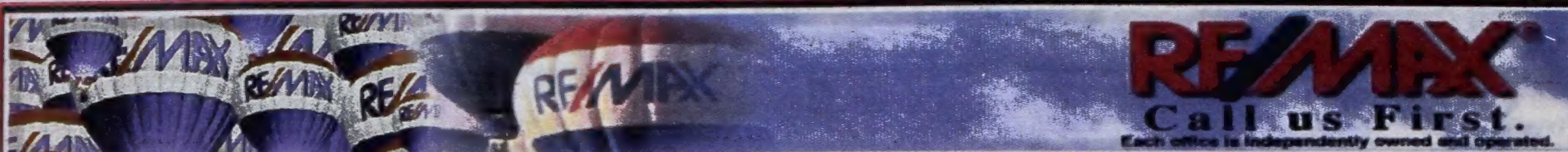
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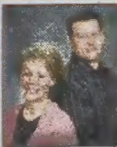
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SOUTH LAKE

This year round cottage/home is about 2 hours to Toronto & only minutes to Minden. A very large kitchen makes entertaining enjoyable. The 3 bedrooms are a good size in this 1200 sq ft home. Close to skiing, snowmobile trails & more. This Lake boasts very good bass fishing. Come see for yourself. Ask for Victor Disik.

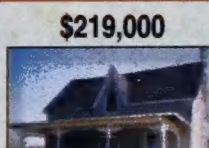
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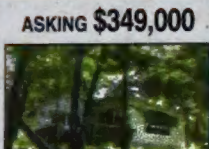
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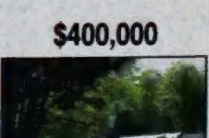
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